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Magnolia Springs Tour of Homes is March 26

The Magnolia Springs Community Association presents a Tour of Homes "Under the Canopy" to be held March 26 from 1-5 p.m. in Magnolia Springs. Six homes, all located along iconic tree-lined Oak Street, will be featured along with the Magnolia Springs Community Hall (circa 1894) and the St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel (circa 1902). Tour these beautiful homes and historic buildings located in what Architectural Digest called "one of the 55 most beautiful towns in America". Southern Living Magazine selected it as one of the 10 best Tiny Towns in the South.

All proceeds benefit the preservation of the historic Magnolia Springs Community Hall.

Tickets are \$20 before the event and can be purchased in several locations across Baldwin County. In Magnolia Springs, tickets can be purchased at the Magnolia Springs Town Hall, Magnolia Springs Library, United Bank, Magnolia Springs Pharmacy, Magnolia Hair Salon and Jesse's Restaurant. In Fairhope, they can be purchased at Page and Palette. In Gulf Shores, they can be purchased at Gulf Shores Rentals (Gulf Shores Parkway near Walgreens) and Lacie Maynard, Bellator Real Estate and Development. In Foley they can be purchased at Foley Art Center and Cassity's Nest. Acceptable methods of payment include cash, check or Venmo (@MSCA_nonprofit).

If you don't get your ticket early, you can purchase one \$25 the day of the event at the Community Hall (located at the corner of Hwy 49 and Oak Street).

For more information about the tour visit our website - magnoliaspringsal.org, join our Facebook group Magnolia Springs Community Association or contact, Helen Soule-703-473-6944. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Helen Soule.

St. Andrew by the Sea yard sale March 24-25

St. Andrew by the Sea Community Church in Gulf Shores will be having a yard sale on March 24-25 from 7 a.m. to noon. The sale will take place in and around the church fellowship hall and will feature gently used items of all kinds at very attractive prices. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the Church's numerous community outreach partners. St. Andrew by the Sea is an interdenominational church located at 17263 Ft. Morgan Road where all are welcome to worship. For more info, call 251-978-3900.

Langston to speak at April 3 O.B. potluck

By Dianne McElroy

The Orange Beach Community Center "Pot Luck" Dinner will be on Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Jessica Langston, creative director with the City of Orange Beach.

She has just finished directing The Little Mermaid Production which was a sell-out at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center. She will have information to share with us of the upcoming events in our city. Everyone is invited to attend. Just bring a side dish, dessert or we will accept a \$5 donation, if unable prepare a food item. Our entree for the dinner will be Spaghetti. Look forward to seeing you at our dinner.



Elberta to celebrate sausage on March 25

Combine 7,200 pounds of sausage made from a secret recipe developed by the founding fathers of Elberta with 250 vendors selling everything from custom belt buckles to french roasted peanuts. Throw in a few hundred kegs of beer – both domestic and German – served in the festival's own Bier Garten.

Add entertainment, a full fledged carnival and 40 years of tradition and you have it – The Bi-Annual Elberta Original German Sausage Festival, scheduled on Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Elberta Town Park. The park is located just north of Elberta's only traffic light on Hwy. 98 (just follow the crowd).

Besides Elberta's famous German sausage & sauerkraut, the event will include continuous entertainment for adults and children. Other scrumptious foods will include German style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans & rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn and peanuts. There will be baked goods as well as arts & crafts for sale, and volunteers will serve plenty of other non-alcoholic beverages in addition to beer. The Bellview Stumpfiddle Band and the North End Stompers traditionally perform. Cloggers. Polka, country and German music are also part of the entertainment line-up.

The festival usually attracts close to 30,000 visitors. Public parking will be available and those with disabilities can get access from the west side of the festival, where volunteers with golf carts will be on hand to help them get into the festival grounds. Call 251-986-5805 or visit sausagefest.elbertafire.com or facebook for more info.

The sausage festival is a town fund-raiser, first spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department in 1978. Proceeds are used for improving not only the fire department, but the town as well. Although the recipe has changed somewhat over the years, the original secret recipe for Elberta's famous sausage is credited to Alfred Stucki, who managed Elberta's Locker Plant from 1953 until his death in 1973. Local non-profits also benefit from the festival through booth sales and parking lot fees. The city's signature event is held the last Saturdays in March and October.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Class is March 25

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-10 is partnering with Safe Harbor-Emerald Coast Marine to present a Safe Boating class on March 25 at the Orange Beach Community Center located at 27235 Canal Rd. Course material is from the National Association of Safe Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and Alabama supplemental material with a

final quiz and Certificate for the Alabama boat operators' certification. The class will start promptly at 8 a.m. and is expected to complete about 3-3:30 p.m., with a 45 minute lunch break. The course covers Boat Familiarization, Trip Planning, Safe Boat Operations, Legal Boat Operation Requirements, Boating Emergencies, and Enjoying Water Sports. Additional material on local Law Enforcement (LE), area waterways, the IntraCoastal Waterway (ICW), and boating knots will be covered. Cost is \$35 for materials, payable by cash or check at

the class. To register, email BoatSafe310@gmail.com and include how to spell your name, or contact Glenn Conrad at 850-786-7566.

Downtown Foley walking tours slated every Saturday in April

More than a century of local history will be on display in April when Foley conducts free walking tours of the downtown historic district at 10 a.m. each Saturday

of the month throughout April beginning at the Foley Welcome Center at the intersection of Alabama 59 and U.S. 98.

Highlights of the tours will include Centennial Plaza, the Holk Building, Magnolia Hotel, Holmes Medical Museum – the site of Baldwin County's first hospital, Foley Hotel building and other historic sites in the downtown area. The tours last about one hour and cover about five city blocks and are conducted by local community members.

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Fort Morgan resident runs her 100th marathon right here in Gulf Shores

Betty Holder has also run 50 milers, the Spirit Trail 100 Mile Ultra-Marathon and completed 10 Iron Mans

By Fran Thompson

Fort Morgan resident Betty Holder had no particular desire to run a marathon back in 2001. She worked out at a gym a couple times a week and went skiing twice a year. But she didn't so much as jog around the block of her Atlanta home. So when her husband (Jerry) said he wanted to run a marathon and suggested that she join him, she was not enthusiastic. Betty was already 42 and content to drive a car or call a cab, if she wanted to take a 26.2 mile round trip.

"He said it was his goal to run a marathon and that I should do it too," Betty said. "I said, 'you can't be talking about me.' I thought he was crazy and said no way."

But Jerry persisted, and Betty relented. A friend, who was a former college runner, told her about the Gallaway marathon training group, which happened to be based in Atlanta.

A 1972 Olympian, Gallaway had just started his marathon training business. (He has since expanded to more than 100 U.S. cities and five other countries.)

Gallaway's program was already highly regarded among the Atlanta running community. So, Betty knew she would be given access to the tools to succeed.

"We had more than 100 participants and except for one man who had a groin injury and another who had to drop out due to a work commitment, we all completed a marathon," she said.

As fate would have it, Betty's first marathon would be one of this country's most important ever - the first post 9/11 New York City Marathon. It was held just a few weeks after the attack, and it served as a cathartic expression of our country's resilience and solidarity in the face of that horrific tragedy.

Betty joined 30,000 runners - most of them in red, white and blue - and two million spectators to create a perfect metaphor for a city and nation determined to stand strong.

By comparison, the first NYC Marathon in September of 1970 drew 127 participants and only 55 finishers. The only woman entrant in that first race dropped out after 15 miles due to illness.

For Betty's husband, completing that marathon was enough to quench his thirst for distance running, but Betty was just getting started. She immediately knew New York would not be her last test of will, and she kept on running to the point where she recently completed her 100th marathon about 26.2 miles from the place she has called home for the past five years.

"There is a saying that once you cross the finish line after completing a marathon, you will be changed forever. And that was true for me," Betty said. "In my case, when I crossed that finish line, I felt a great sense of accomplishment. It was something I never dreamed was possible. I thought it would be easier the next time. But there is no such thing as an easy marathon."

Betty earned her 100th marathon at the recent We Run This Beach Marathon at Gulf State Park. The temperature was unseasonably warm, but Betty had friends to encourage her along the way.

"I do not tolerate heat very well. I am a profuse sweater and the temperature was more than I could really handle. I can't think of another one where I struggled like that," she said.

Being able to run her 100th marathon in her hometown was somewhat coincidental, but Betty was very happy that running friends from both the local L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club and her club in Chattanooga

were there to share her milestone.

"I was really impressed with how many of my running buddies were there to support me," she said. "I was not expecting that. A lot of people did all sorts of nice things (pictured), bringing balloons and putting signs on the course with my name on them."

Many friends held up cut-outs of Betty's smiling face when she crossed the finish line wearing bib no. 100, and the L.A. Fleet Feet krewe threw a BBQ party for her afterwards.

"I was kind of stunned when I saw my bib number and thought what are the chances of that," Betty said. "Then I found out that Rob (Barnas) contacted the race director and he agreed to it. I was thrilled to get it in the books and behind me, but I especially liked that so many people came down to be there with me."

One of Betty's friends, George Southgate of Calhoun, Ga., came just for the day to give Betty a magnet that read "26.2 miles - 100" before driving back to Georgia that evening.

Another friend, Truman Smith from Chattanooga, was also there to greet her at the finish line. Truman has ran north of 200 marathons.

"I've enjoyed running many marathons with Truman because he is a wonderful story teller with great wit, and his stories make the miles go by quickly," Betty said. "George has run 528 marathons. He is the monster."

Both men are 76 years old.

With those two septuagenarians as living proof that there is no marathon running shelf life, Betty sees no reason to stop at 100. She will continue to make memories like she did running in the prestigious Boston Marathon.

"It was really a thrill," she said. "There are people all along the way cheering their heads off. The way people were reacting, you'd of thought I was winning the Olympics."

Betty has completed several marathons several times and she has run the Chickamauga Battlefield Marathon in Georgia 20 consecutive times officially. She even ran it when the event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID just to keep her streak alive. She most certainly will be back there again this November.

The Big Sur, which is held on a traffic free Pacific Coast Hwy. and includes music along the way, is also among her favorites, as was the marathon she ran in Antarctica.

Betty's goal was not necessarily to run 100 marathons, but she would count her finisher medals from time to time and once she hit number 80 (The Atlanta Publix Marathon), she made a spread sheet and started her countdown.

Betty has also completed 10 full Ironman Triathlons (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run), a sport she took up while learning to swim while recovering from a stress fracture on her foot.

"I did not know how to swim," she said. "I learned to swim out of a book and became an endless swimmer. I said I could do this forever. Swimming was the big hold-back. I already was biking once a week with friends just for fun."

Once she realized the swimming part would be the least grueling, Betty set about Ironman training with one thought in mind - no short cuts.

"Doing an Ironman is all about training," she said. "You can muscle your way through and complete a

marathon. But in an Ironman, that will not happen. There is no muscling through it. You have got to do the training."

Betty, who does strength training at the Bodenhamer Center once per week, will concentrate on marathon training until she has completed one in every state. She currently has 28 notches on that belt and will run a marathon in Indiana next month before starting a busy spring schedule that will see her run several marathons each month.

Betty has also competed in a few 50 mile ultra marathons and completed the Prairie Spirit Trail 100 Mile Ultra-Marathon in Kansas, a race that saw her run for 25 grueling hours.

"I try to be careful and not get injured. I listen to my body and back off when enough is enough," she said. "I learned a valuable lesson the hard way from doing speed work. It's an easy way to get injured."

She also learned that even for her, competing in two Iron Mans and three marathons over a 14 week period was too much.

"I did not need to do that much that close together. But I felt good for all but the last one," she said.

"Running is definitely a lifestyle," she added. "I want to maintain my energy level and strength as I age, and I feel like if I stop putting races on the calendar, it will be all over and I will wind up slipping down the slippery slope of old age and feebleness."

"I like marathons because I can run slow and still compete. At these ultra distances, you don't have to be a speed demon," she added. "You can just run for your own benefit. Who cares if anybody else finishes ahead of you. Everybody is doing their own thing. It's more relaxed and more enjoyable."

Most importantly, she still feels the same as she did 22 years ago in NYC when she earns a medal.

"I still enjoy it when I cross the finish line," she said. "It's like 'wow, I did it again.'"





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Baldwin Co. Animal Shelter in urgent need of volunteers

The Baldwin County Animal Shelter is in urgent need of volunteers to help with walking the dogs as well as playing with the dogs outside to help them get their daily exercise while also socializing them. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and fill out a volunteer packet baldwincountyal.gov/departments/animal-shelter or in person at the shelter at 15240 County Road 49 in Sumnerdale Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The primary purpose of the volunteer program is to get citizens involved in making the shelter the best facility it can be. For more info, call 251.972.6834.

Kiwanis Easter Sunrise Service on Innerarity Point

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon Easter Sunrise Service will be held April 9 at 6:30 sharp start at Innerarity Point Park 5828 Cruzat Way, Pensacola. The pastor is Dudley Tye from Perdido Bay United Methodist Church. There will be hot coffee and donuts for the service. Bring your own chair to the event as it is very limited seating.

Gulf Shores City Schools earns state sustainability award

Gulf Shores City Schools (GSCS) is the only district in the state to receive the 2023 Alabama Green Ribbon Schools Award. The award recognizes schools that nurture and promote environmental sustainability education and practices. GSCS is now nominated to receive the national Green Ribbon School award from the U.S. Department of Education. The award recognizes schools, districts, and higher education institutions that nurture and promote environmental, health, and sustainability education and practices. This includes demonstrating responsible stewardship of Alabama's natural resources, promoting the safety and well-being of children and adults, and encouraging an appreciation of Alabama's rich natural heritage. The environmental sustainability education projects at GSCS include a partnership with Schneider Electric to replace lighting and air conditioning systems and install solar features to help reduce energy use, a STEAM building at GSES, the GSHS farm-to-table program, using ultra-low sulfur, clean diesel engine buses that reduce carbon emissions by 89.5%, comprehensive recycling efforts, composting, and water conservation and a partnership with the Center for Ecotourism including a school visit from Jean-Michel Cousteau.

SBCT recruiting volunteers for its April production

The next volunteer opportunity for you to help out at SBCT is April's production of "A Bagful of Fables." Volunteers are needed for hospitality and the box office. Volunteers are also needed to assist in lighting, sound, or construction. Backstage, costume, and make-up assistant volunteer opportunities are also available. More more info, call 251-752-8706.

A Bagful of Fables is a collection of Aesop's Fables with an attitude. A lively troupe of young actors and even Aesop, who may be long gone from this earth but still the life of the party, will bring to the stage the tried and true stories of "The Fox and the Crow," "The Fox and the Grapes," "The Tortoise and the Hare," "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" and "The Sun and the Wind." Playful bickering, witty banter, lively stage action, and audience interaction are the perfect mix to make this play fun for all ages!

Performances are April 14 & 21 at 7:30 p.m., and April 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. The theatre is located in Gulf Shores at 2022 West 2nd St. Tickets may be purchased online at sbct.biz or by calling 251-968-6721.



Lenten Friday fish-frys March 24 & 31 at local Catholic churches

The annual Lenten fish-frys at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church (2304 E. 2nd St.) in Gulf Shores, St. Thomas By The Sea (26547 Perdido Beach Blvd.) in Orange Beach and Holy Spirit Catholic Church (10650 Gulf Beach Hwy.) in Pensacola are in full spring and will be through March 31. Meals are all served eat-in or take-out. Hours are 5-7 p.m. and cost is \$13 for a meal that includes fried fish, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw, a dessert and a soft drink, tea or coffee at Our Lady of the Gulf. Proceeds benefit Baldwin County Catholic schools and other local charities. The Knights of Columbus will be serving fish dinners every Friday in Orange Beach at the St. Thomas by the Sea Parish Hall from 4-6 p.m. For \$12 per plate, patrons will receive fried fish, hushpuppies, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Beer is available for a donation. In Pensacola, Holy Spirit's Friday fish-fry hours in the FLC are 5-6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$12 for adults or \$7 for children for a full meal. **Pictured:** Volunteers preparing for a 2022 Our Lady of the Gulf fish-fry.

Bon Secour Community Egg Hunt April 1

On Saturday, April 1, Morgan's Chapel UMC will host a community Easter egg hunt for toddlers through 6th grade from 10 - 11:00 a.m. The church is located 6325 Co Rd 10 West in Bon Secour, next to the post office directly across the street from Swift School. Children and their parents are invited to gather in the Enfinger Center fellowship building at 10:00am to hear the story of Easter and prepare to find more than 1,000 eggs stuffed with candy and other treats. After all the eggs have been found and opened, hot dogs will be served in the fellowship hall and prizes will be given out. All children toddlers through sixth grade are welcome! Rain date is Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

Baldwin Walk/Bike to School Day is April 5

Public schools in Baldwin County will celebrate Spring Walk to School Day on April 5. Students, parents, and teachers will be walking or bicycling to school along with community leaders and volunteers to raise awareness for the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment.

All three of the Baldwin County's public school systems - Baldwin County Public Schools, Gulf Shores City Schools, and Orange Beach City Schools - will participate in what has become a national event.



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Lawsuit continues, as does construction on new Intracoastal Bridge

By John Mullen

After a day of hearings, both sides in the lawsuit filed by the Baldwin County Bridge Company against the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery County Circuit Judge Jimmy Pool continued the case until April 19 and also set aside April 21 if additional time is still needed.

The owner of the toll span in Orange Beach is asking for a temporary restraining order to halt the construction of a second free Gulf Shores bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway and cited several complaints about the state and ALDOT Director John Cooper about his actions in negotiations with the company.

Ultimately, the suit asks for an "injunction issue prohibiting constructing the proposed new bridge." It also asks for compensatory damages from the alleged abuses by Cooper.

Tony Harris, spokesman for the Alabama Department of Transportation, said work has started to clear property on the northside of the Intracoastal leading to the new bridge even while the lawsuit challenging the project proceeds.

"Any delay will only exacerbate the traffic problems on the Gulf Coast and hurt the people of Baldwin County," Harris said. "Like the many Alabamians and visitors who are tired of sitting in traffic on Alabama's coast, we look forward to the completion of the free, public bridge.

"Our contractor, Scott Bridge, is doing his clearing," Harris added. "His preparation was to have access down to the shoreline to get started with construction.

That's part of his scope of his work, and he is working."

Scott Bridge Company of Opelika was the low bidder on the project with a submission of \$51.56 million when proposals were opened Sept. 30. The budgeted price of the bridge was \$48 million to \$60 million, according to ALDOT reports. The project is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 1, 2026.

"It's got a set completion date," Harris said. "A lot of a lot of our projects have a number of working days. This one has an actual calendar date deadline."

"ALDOT Director John Cooper has been on a mission to destroy BCBC's contractual rights and to force BCBC out of business," the suit alleges. "Unfortunately, his tactics – carried out with taxpayer funds and from his position as an appointed state official in Montgomery – have caused and will continue to cause BCBC irreparable harm and damage."

ALDOT previously reported that the bridge company would have to prove a new two-lane span next to the current toll bridge would take 40 percent of the traffic currently going over the State Route 59 bridge in Gulf Shores. Negotiations failed after several deadlines for a resolution were passed.

Part of the suit also alleges that the state has conducted no traffic studies to determine if the bridge is needed and would help alleviate traffic on the State Route 59 bridge. It also states Cooper and former ALDOT Southwest Engineer Vince Calametti admitted as much in other filings and in public meetings.

Harris said the lawsuit will waste taxpayer money to defend the lawsuit and could halt an important and

needed infrastructure project to help with traffic in the resort area.

Ike Scott of Scott Bridge Company said the roadway leading up to the bridge had been cleared about a mile and a half to the bank of the Intracoastal Canal on the north side of the canal from Baldwin County Road 4, according to an Erica Thomas penned report in 1819news.com.

"We are under contract, we are under obligation, and the clock is running," said Scott. "We have a time certain to get this bridge finished and opened to traffic, and we are absolutely full steam ahead, working as quickly as the rain will let us. We're making really good progress, especially the last couple of weeks."

Parts of the deal BCBC was offering to the state, Orange Beach and Gulf Shores included \$60 million to Orange Beach over 50 years, after 50 years a state takeover of a new two-lane span the bridge company says it was willing to build, \$25 million for a spur road from the Beach Express south to Cotton Creek Drive in Gulf Shores. Also reportedly included were free tolls for Baldwin County residents.

Even with a new two-lane span at the tolls, Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said 25 percent of the traffic on the Gulf Shores bridge would be bound for Orange Beach.

"Another destination study is in process and we've got updates on the previous one that we did," Craft said in July. "The growth of the folks coming in from Orange Beach and coming over our bridge shows we've more got significant exit numbers now that we've not seen before and the number of people and going over that bridge from the Orange Beach area. It's a higher percentage than the people coming into town."

Tickets will sell out quickly for April 29 Bald Eagle Bash

Tickets are now on sale for the 13th annual Bald Eagle Bash, scheduled on Saturday, April 29 from 4-7 p.m. at Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center on Weeks Bay. The \$65 per person tickets will not be sold at the gate. This signature annual fundraiser for SALT has earned a reputation for delivering great food, great music, and a great time, all on the edges of beautiful Weeks Bay. The menu includes fresh Gulf shrimp, a low country shrimp boil, delectable desserts, beer from Fairhope Brewing Company and Braided River Brewing Company and a great selection of wine. This year's musical entertainment will feature LadyCouch and The Dial Street Band. For more info or tickets, call 251-990-5004, email salt@southalabamalandtrust.org or visit southalabamalandtrust.org.

Pensacola Jazz Fest slated April 1-2 in Seville Square

Jazz Pensacola will celebrate the 39th Annual Pensacola Jazz Fest April 1-2 in historic Seville Square in downtown Pensacola. Enjoy stellar jazz 10 a.m. to

7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The free, two-day festival will feature national and regional jazz bands, plus many area school and college bands.

National and regional headliners include 4 Korners, ZAZU East, Matthias Williams, and Pat Casey and the New Sound. Cheryl Jones and Co. and Nobius are among the local bands performing. Sunday afternoon features the Band Director's Band consisting of the area's high school band directors as well as the Downbeat Jazz Orchestra from Fort Walton Beach before the headliners finish the evening. Mid-morning both days brings performances by the local and area middle, high school and college bands. More info: pensacolajazzfest.com.

Art on the Wild Side March 25 at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo has combined its former two fundraisers, Animal Art Safari and Night on the Wild Side, into one amazing onsite spring event. Art on the Wild Side will be held on Saturday, March 25. VIP entrance is at 5:30 p.m., and general admission is at 7 p.m. The evening will include food from the finest local restaurants, drinks, live entertainment and photo

ops with the zoo's animal ambassadors. Attire is safari theme or cocktail. VIP tickets include access to the entire zoo from 5:30-7 p.m., giraffe feeding, keeper chats, exclusive hors d'oeuvres, drink stations, and other event activities. General admission tickets are \$150 or \$125 for zoo members. Contact the zoo directly for VIP tickets and sponsor info. The fundraiser's online auction runs through March 25 and includes exclusive artwork from zoo animal artists, adventure packages from the zoo, local attractions, and other exquisite items. Info: algulfcoastzoo.org. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo relies on donations to support its mission to inspire personal responsibility for the conservation of the natural world.

Orange Beach has highest flood insurance rating in Baldwin Co.

Orange Beach has achieved an improved rating within the National Flood Insurance Program that will provide further discounts on flood insurance premiums for its property owners. During the town hall meeting on March 1st, Mayor Tony Kennon announced that the city's score in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) had been upgraded from a class 7 rating to a class 6.

Orange Beach is the only city in Baldwin County with a class 6 rating and has the second-best rating in Alabama, as stated by Roberson. This program is estimated to save citizens of Orange Beach over \$250,000 in annual insurance premiums.

Orange Beach's improved CRS rating reflects the city's efforts in floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements. Citizens who are interested in additional information about this program can contact Adam Roberson at aroberson@orange-beachal.gov.

According to Roberson, the city's floodplain administrator, the new classification change will give Orange Beach property owners an additional 5% discount on flood insurance. Citizens within the city can now receive a discount of 20% on their flood insurance policy if they are within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and a 10% discount for non-SFHAs.

The Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. More than 1,500 communities participate nationwide. The CRS assigns classifications to communities based on their CRS credit points obtained in 19 creditable activities.



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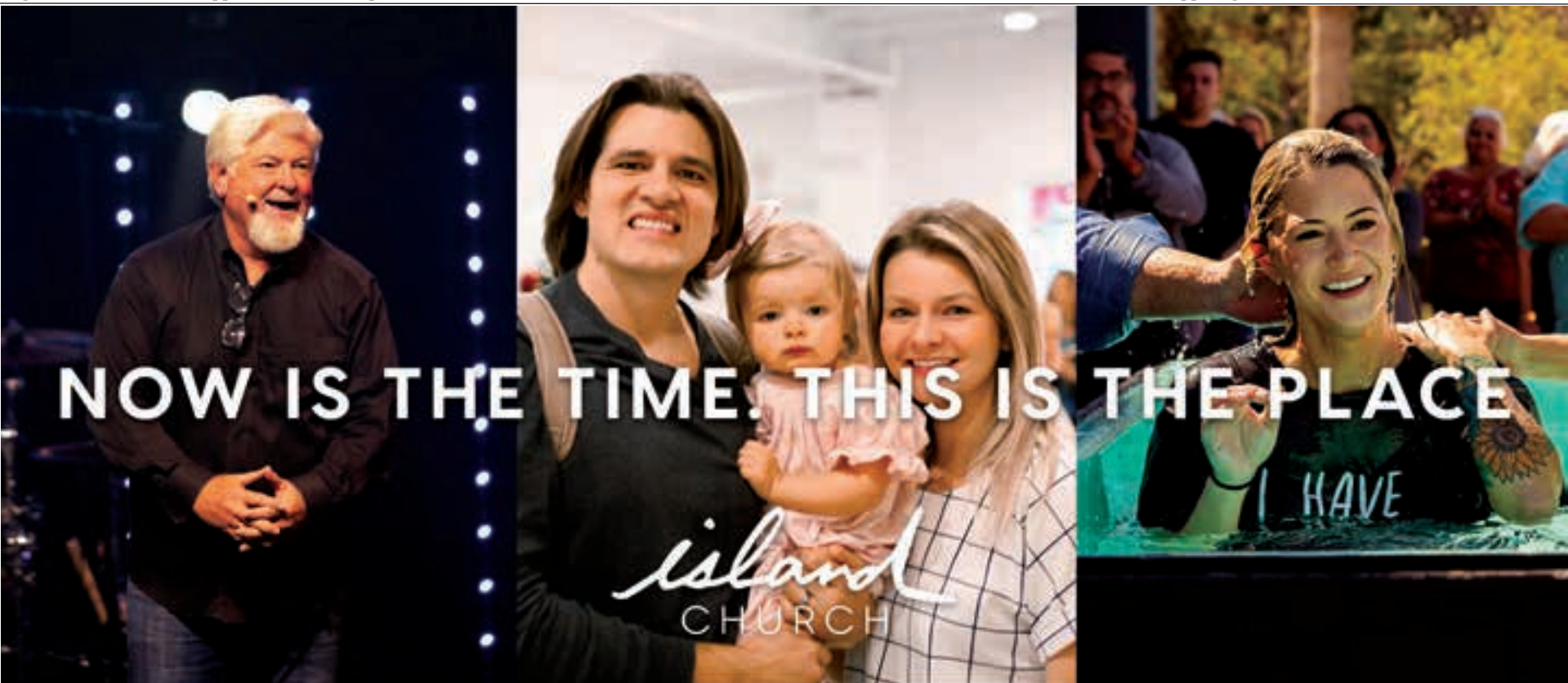
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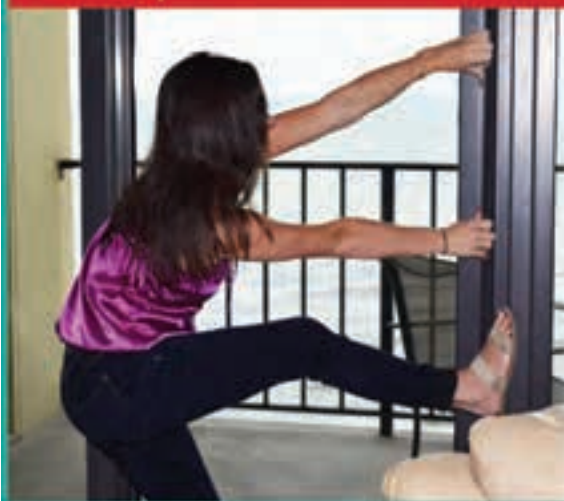
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JoJo Hermann of Widespread to play SouthSounds

JoJo Hermann of Widespread Panic will be among the 40 acts scheduled to play the SouthSounds Music Festival, which will take place on at clubs in Downtown Mobile March 30-April 2. Tank and the Bangas, and Susto are also headlining. Performances will take place at the Alabama Music Box, The Merry Widow and the Made By The Water Stage behind The Merry Widow. Four-day passes are \$65; four-day VIP passes also available. Info: Southsoundsmusicfestival.org.

Baldwin County Master Gardeners Plant Sale April 7-9

The Baldwin County Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale will be held April 13-15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. across from Weeks Bay Reserve on Hwy. 98 (west of Fish River Bridge) in Fairhope. Plant selections include annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, hummingbird, and butterfly attractors. Plant sale proceeds benefit the BCMG Scholarship Fund and community outreach projects. For more info, call 251-550-6464 or visit baldwin-mastergardeners.com.

Paula Deen will sign books at Downtwon OWA April 1

Popular celebrity chef, author, and entrepreneur Paula Deen is set to visit OWA for a special book signing on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. at her restaurant, Paula Deen's Family Kitchen in Downtown OWA in Foley. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the restaurant team will hand out 250 meet and greet wristbands for guests to have a one-on-one experience with Deen. To receive a wristband guests must purchase an item at the Paula Deen Retail store. "The book-signing experience is a great way for guests to not only relax and enjoy time together while visiting our area but also have a chance to meet Paula Deen in person," said Kyle Sanders, general manager of Paula Deen's Family Kitchen in Foley. More info: pauladeensfamilykitchen.com.

Will Kimbrough to headline April 23 Mudbottom Revival

Mobile native and Jimmy Buffett collaborator Will Kimbrough will again headline the 8th Annual MudBottom Revival Music Festival set for Sunday, April 23 from 2-6 p.m. at Bender Point (3619 Riviere Du Chien Road) in Mobile. The music festival will benefit the Dog River Clearwater Revival non-profit organization's efforts to protect and improve the water quality of Dog River. The musical lineup also features Grits & Greens and Blow House Brass Band. Kimbrough is bringing along a world class rhythm section and a secret special guest instrumentalist.

Come by vehicle, bike, kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board, or boat and enjoy the music from the water or under a shaded oak-covered spot on the banks of beautiful Dog River. Coolers are welcome. Boat taxis will transport ticket holders from their anchored parking spots to the dock. Ticketws are \$35 before April 16 and \$45 after that. Children are welcome and tickets are free 12 years and under. There will be food available for purchase from Smokin' Gringos food truck

and Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream. For more tickets or info, visit dogriver.org.

Traffic stop in Summerdale leads to narcotics arrest

A March 15 early evening traffic stop for speeding on the Baldwin Beach Express led to the discovery of various drugs and gun with a 50 round drum magazine, according to a Summerdale Police Dept. press release. Officer Josh Bailey initiated the stop around Engel Lane and immediately observed the individuals tossing items from the rear windows. The vehicle came to a stop around Engel Lane and Officer Bailey was able to find a plastic bag stuck to the side of the vehicle. One passenger was immediately detained. The second passenger ran from the scene while throwing away more items. After a search of the vehicle, police found 44 Fentanyl pills and 39 Zanax pills, and two firearms (one with 50 round drum magazine). Lashun Deon Williams from Prichard and a 17 year old from Prichard were arrested.

Tuesday Morning says it will close Gulf Shores store

Discount home decor store Tuesday morning announced that it will close its Gulf Shores outlet at 1720 Gulf Shores Pkwy. in order to allocate proper resources to remaining stores in high-traffic regions as part of Chapter 11 bankruptcy that it filed last month. The company, which operates 487 stores across 40 states, will be closing around 250 stores nationwide. No date was announced for the closure. Tuesday Morning has filed for bankruptcy twice in the past three years.

Mudbugs will remain open after taking safety measures

Mudbugs Pub in Gulf Shores has agreed to stop selling alcohol at 1 a.m., close at 1:30 a.m., set up security cameras inside and outside and install a metal detector at the door to keep guns out of the bar to avoid litigation with the City of Gulf Shores, which had previously attempted to pull the bar's liquor license.

Also, anyone with drug convictions or facing court dates for drug convictions would not be allowed to be employed in the club and signs must be displayed stating that firearms are not allowed anywhere on Mudbugs' property.

GSPD Deputy Chief of Police Dan Netemeyer said there have been just shy of 480 calls for service to Mudbugs since 2017. As part of the agreement, Gulf Shores Police and a Mudbugs representative will meet for monthly reviews.

"I think we've reached a cooperative agreement to give them a chance to put in place policies which they believe will control some of the problems that we've had in the past," said Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft. "We're hopeful that works and the chief and his staff will be monitoring closely and making sure that we don't allow for them to create problems. Unfortunately, they are not a part of who we are."

"They are required to have mandatory certification for their employees regarding techniques for alcohol management," GSPD Chief Ed Delmore said. "No employee whether or not engaged directly in the service of customers may consume

WED, MAR 22

- Zach Chavers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Wes Loper: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Midday Melodies w. Josh Chaver, free, Heritage Park, Foley.
- Brian Hill: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- David Dunaivent, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Bell & The Bull: 5; Doc's Seafood; Orange Beach.
- Shawn Lackey: 5; Doc's Seafood; 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.
- Shawn Lackey: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim Roberts: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Open Jam: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Ricky Johnson & Friends: 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.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Food Bank: 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: 9:30-11 a.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; 251-968-2823.
- Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

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- Meyer Park Concert: 6; free; back-up location is Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- ATB Duo: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter & Nick Branch: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gary Story Open Mic: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- David Dunavent, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Brent Varner: 5; Woodsides Restaurant at Gulf State Park; 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.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi & Leaann Creswell: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S.

- Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

FRI, MAR 24

- Eddie 2 Cool: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- The Groovinators 5; Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- Orange Beach Invasion 2023 presented by American Force: The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Electric Blue Yonder: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Duncan: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Wes Loper: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant (of the Platers): 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Allen Renfro: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Les Linton: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Departure - The Journey Tribute Band: Downtown OWA, Foley.
- Tim Roberts, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- The Blenders: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Basch Jernigan: 5; Woodsides Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- J. Hawkins: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Bat Bennett: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- 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.
- Rodger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf

- Shores.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.
- Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

SAT, MAR 25

- Heath Davidson: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Art on the Wild Side Party: 5:30; Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.
- Elberta Sausage Festival: 8-5; Elberta Town Park.
- Orange Beach Invasion 2023 presented by American Force: The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Stan Foster Duo: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Swampwater Symphony: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Ryan Baltrhop 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant (of the Platers): 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Mac Walter: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Gringo Fife: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Broke N Done: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke & AYCE Crawfish: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Justin Fobes, 1, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.

OBGC Supports Police Benevolence Fund:

Orange Beach Police Chief, Steve Brown, and Assistant Chief, Rob Howard, accept a check in the amount of \$1000 from the Orange Beach Garden Club President, Virginia Burkhalter, for the benefit of the Police Benevolence Fund. During our visit, we learned how some of the funds are distributed: assistance with the Citizens Police Academy, providing help for domestic violence victims, partial funding of Makos on Main and Freedom Fest – basically helping hands for the residents and visitors to Orange Beach. Recently, the refurbished cook trailer was utilized to provide meals for Florida residents recovering from a hurricane. Thanks to all the force and staff for making our community such a great place to live and visit! Proceeds from the sale also promote programs beneficial to our residents and visitors, so make a stop by the Police Station and show your support for our folks in blue!



Music at Meyer Park concerts start March 23

This spring's Music at Meyer Park concert series kicks off on March 23 at 6 p.m. and continues for the following three Thursdays. Grab friends, family members, and a blanket or lawn chair and sit amongst the beautiful oaks at Meyer Park, located at 400 E. 22nd Ave. These are rain or shine events. In the event of rain, the back-up location will be at the Big Beach Brewery.

Food trucks will be set up at each show, and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will be selling beverages. For more info, call 251-968-1171.

• **March 23 – Funk You:** For over a decade, Funk You enchanted audiences with an unmistakably intoxicating blend of modern and vintage sound. Comprised of eight kindred spirits from Georgia, this close-knit troupe is driven by an unwavering passion for live performance and encouraged by their own exuberance - making them one of the most electrifying acts in contemporary funk.

• **March 30 – John Papa Gros:** For over three decades, Gros has brought his New Orleans celebratory culture to listeners around the globe. Gros mixes all the sounds of New Orleans - funk, trad jazz, brass band, blues - and makes it his own signature gumbo.

• **April 6 – 5 MILE BRASS:** The 8-piece brass band from Mobile paves new roads on their musical journey through their original music, the group combines rock progressions, jazz-inspired improv solos, and hip-hop pockets deeper than their matching maroon joggers. Put this together with the rapping repertoire of Michael Jolly, and you'll be moving in no time.

• **April 13 – Dominick Michael:** Michael is an up-and-coming country artist from Baton Rouge. While this 23-year-old is beginning to make a name for himself as a standout in the local country scene, his sound is reminiscent of the country days of old. Since coming to the Baton Rouge scene, he has played everywhere, from stages in packed dive bars to fulfilling a lifelong dream of headlining one of the largest honky tonks in the south, The Texas Club. If you're looking for a boot-stompin,' honky Tonkin,' good time, look no further.

WET WILLIE RAISES FUNDS FOR EDUCATION: The pride of Mobile music, the legendary southern rock band Wet Willie played a fundraiser for the South Baldwin Education Foundation as an encore to the recent BBQ & Blues Festival at Heritage Park. The beneficiary supports 13 local schools through programs and partnerships that enrich education and develop leadership to better our community.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Perdido Chamber luncheon & ribbon cutting March 30 at Stephi Cocktails & Cuisine

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting followed by its monthly networking luncheon at Stephi Cocktails & Cuisine in Orange Beach on March 30. The ribbon cutting will be at 11 a.m., with the luncheon to follow, giving members and potential members an opportunity to promote and grow their businesses. Stephi's is a locally owned contemporary restaurant serving an eclectic and mouthwatering mix of international cuisines. Informed by the culinary & cultural experiences of Stephi's founder, Steve Vrondron, on travels across the globe, the menu is infused with the flavors of countries from Asia to Latin America. Their seafood, steaks, ribs, and sushi are simply excellent. Add unique craft cocktails, an extensive selection of wine & sake and various craft beers, and you have the makings of a perfect dining experience. Each attendee will be responsible for the payment of their own meal. Stephi Cocktails & Cuisine is located at 25241 Perdido Beach Blvd (Unit 101) in Orange Beach. More info: 850-492-5221.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny April 1 at Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores

The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance in the City of Gulf Shores to enjoy breakfast with families on Saturday, April 1, at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Beginning at 8 a.m., a traditional pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, and bacon will be served, and children will have an opportunity to meet and take photos with the Easter Bunny. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will also be on sight this year with a few of their furry friends from the zoo! Admission is \$5 each, while children 3 years old and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. The Erie H. Meyer Civic Center is located at 1930 W 2nd St. More info: gulfshoresal.gov/breakfastwiththebunny or call 251-968-1171.

- Brandon Giles: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodsidde Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Lee Carreon: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Joiner: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Doc Johnson: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks - Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milfin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

SUN, MAR 26

- Tim Nowall: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Charlie Wilson: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Christina Christian: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Rachel Lane: 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Matt Erdman: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Lee Carreon: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Hippie Jim & Crawfish: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Mike Estep Duo: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Al & Cathy: 11; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Dixon Darling, noon, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Johnathan Puzan, 4, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Justin Covard: 5; Woodsidde Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Lucky Doggs: 4; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.

- Fraternal Order of Eagles potluck fundraiser: noon; Foley.
- Les Linton: 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge; Foley.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- DNA Trio: 4; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, MAR 27

- Dixon Darling: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Mac Walters: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Wes Loper, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Brent Varner & Austin Thompson: 5; Doc's Seafood; Orange Beach.

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Membership Night 6-9 PM Members get first drink free! (Up to \$5.75 value)	Military Night	Good Times & Good Music	Service Industry Night & PM Hospitality Industry gets free admission, 1st drink free (\$5.75 value), & employee prices	Service Industry Night & PM Hospitality Industry gets free admission, 1st drink free (\$5.75 value), & employee prices	Service Industry Night & PM Hospitality Industry gets free admission, 1st drink free (\$5 value), & employee prices	Ladies' Night 6-9 PM Ladies get first drink free (\$5.75 value)
Main Room 1:00 - J Hawkins Duo 5:00 - Mark Sherrell & Friends 9:15 - Johnny Hayes	Main Room 11:00 - LeAnne Greenwell Duo 2:00 - Christina Crystal 6:00 - Scott Kachin Project 10:15 - Charlie Argo Duo	Main Room 12:00 - J Hawkins Duo 4:00 - Sugar cane Jane 7:00 - Bob 10:15 - Dew Pemberton	Main Room 12:30 - The Peridito Brothers 4:30 - Dalton Bush 8:30 - Bruce Smelly	Main Room 12:00 - Mike Diamond 4:00 - Petty & Pace 8:00 - Brandon Blackburn	Main Room 2:00 - T-Bone Montgomery 6:00 - The Peridito Brothers 10:15 - Dalton Bush	Main Room 2:00 - Neil Dover 6:00 - Rhonda Hart Duo 10:15 Willie Traywick
Dome Stage 5:30 - Steve & Joe Piano Show 10:00 Ryan Dyer Band	Dome Stage 1:00 - Tyler Ward 5:30 - The Big Earl Show 8:00 - Cody Parks & The Dirty South	Dome Stage 5:00 - Mike Diamond 5:30 - The Big Earl Show 10:00 - Cody Parks & The Dirty South	Dome Stage 1:00 - Wes Loper 5:00 Garrett Howell 6:30 Clay Barker Band	Dome Stage 5:30 - Dalton Bush 10:00 Saucy Fuzz	Dome Stage 5:30 - Wes Loper 10:00 - Unfortunate Sons	Top Deck 5:30 - Chance Neal 10:00 - Chris Beverly Experience
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Beach Stage 12:00 Wes Loper	Beach Stage 12:00 Dixon Darling 4:00 Ben Stack	Beach Stage 12:00 Tim Roberts 4:00 Brittany Bell	Beach Stage 12:00 Ryan Balthrop	Beach Stage 12:00 Dixon Darling		Beach Stage 12:00 - Shea White
Yacht Club 5:00 Patrick Cross	Yacht Club 6:00 Ryan Balthrop	Yacht Club 12:00 Charlie Argo Duo 5:00 Dixon Darling	Yacht Club 12:00 Smokey Otis Duo 5:00 Mel Knapp			
Ole River Grill 6:00 Dixon Darling	Ole River Grill 7:00 Jason Foley	Ole River Grill 7:00 Chris Beverly	Ole River Grill 7:00 Patrick Cross		Beach Stage 12:00 Jesse Duncan	

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Perdido Key Chamber Women's Golf Scramble March 27

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host its inaugural High Heel Classic Women's Golf Scramble on March 27 at the Pensacola Country Club. The women only tourney is open to beginners and proceeds support the charities and initiatives of the Chamber's Women Mean Business Committee. Entry fee is \$100 for individual golfers and \$400 per foursome. This is a fun event for all women, regardless of their level of play. Sponsorship options are available. For more info, call 850-492-4660.

Gulf Shores Lions Golf Tourney March 31 at Peninsula

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are open for the 48th Annual Gulf Shores Lions Club Charities Max Wilson Memorial Golf for Sight Tournament scheduled for Friday, March 31st at Peninsula Golf Club.

The 4-ball tourney utilizes a blind draw to pair up two person teams to give everyone a fair chance to win regardless of handicap. The \$125 per person entry fee includes a post tournament meal, fabulous prizes and supports the many Lions Club charities. The entry fee also includes green fees, cart rental, range balls, a raffle ticket, and three beverage tickets.

Cash Prizes will be awarded on each and every hole in addition to prizes for the top three teams. Players are invited to sign up alone or with a partner. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. and play begins at noon.

Various levels of sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information and to reserve your spot in the tournament, please contact Kew Taybi at (859) 380-0781 or Bruce White at (251) 967-3323.

All money raised will be used to support charities for the visually impaired and blind and the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama baseball field and boundless playground being built in Summerdale.

Free Fishing Academy for students 5th-8th grades April 4

Returning from last year, the City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence program is partnering with the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club to offer a free Fishing Academy to students in 5th - 8th grades from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4. The goal is to foster, promote, and increase knowledge of fishing, boating and conservation for future generations.

This is a one-day, after-school event that will introduce basic knowledge, skills and angling practices for recreational fishing, through a series of stations during a two-hour period, taught by local Charter and Private boat captains, fishing experts, CCA and AL Marine Resource officers and is created in partnership by Mobile Big Game Fishing Club and the City of Orange Beach. All classes will be on land and no actual fishing is scheduled/part of this one day event.

Lessons will include the following: Knot Tying; Local fish identification; Conservation and stewardship; Bait - what to use; Tackle and casting; Cast net throwing; Basics of a boat.

Register at ActiveNet. (<https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com>). Registration will remain open until March 28 if space allows.

Deadline is April 5 to register in O.B. for free pet rabbies/microchip clinic

Orange Beach residents are invited to sign up to get their pets microchipped and/or vaccinated for rabies when the Orange Beach Animal Control will host a free clinic on Saturday, April 8. Residents can stop by City Hall to fill out forms for the free vaccination and microchipping for their dogs and/or cats. Orange Beach City Hall is located at 4099 Orange Beach Blvd. The one-year rabies vaccine and microchipping will be administered by Dr. Lee Ann McGill for free, courtesy of the City of Orange Beach, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Unleashed Dog Park, 27920 Canal Road. There is a limited amount of vaccinations and microchips, so sign up early for the clinic. This clinic is for Orange Beach residents only. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

Rabies is a disease of all mammals, including man, and is always considered to be fatal unless preventative treatment is given following the bite. The primary means of exposure is through a bite or scratch with contaminated saliva from the animal. State law requires that dogs, cats and ferrets remain currently vaccinated against rabies.

For more information, call the Orange Beach Animal Control Officer Tiffany Long at 251-424-5073 or email talong@orange-beachal.gov.

clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
• Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
• Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
• Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.
• Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
• Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

WED, MAR 29

• Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
• Brady Reeves: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
• Brooks Johnson, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
• Mel Knapp: 5; Doc's Seafood; Orange Beach.
• Bat Bennett: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
• Wes Loper: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, 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.
• Ricky Johnson & Friends: 5; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
• John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
• Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
• Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
• John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
• Karaoke & League Pool: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
• BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-

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• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
• Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church: 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
• Food Ministry For Hungry Families: 9:30-11 a.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
• Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
• Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
• Al-Anon: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, MAR 30

• Thu Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
• Meyer Park Concert: 6; free; back-up location is Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
• Jesse Duncan: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, Orange Beach.
• Adam/Justin/Gannon: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
• Lefty Collins: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
• Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Johnny Hayes, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
• T-Bird & The Fat Cats: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
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• Smokey & Mark: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
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 • 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.

FRI, MAR 31

• Jeff Ivanhoff: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
 • Savage: 5; Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
 • Jimmy Lee Hanniford Duo: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange
 • Funky Lampshades: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • Ryan Balthrop: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



O.B. Lions Club Rubber Duck Race fundraiser is April 15

The Orange Beach Lions Club's 2023 Rubber Duck Race fundraiser will be held from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 15th at The Oasis Resort lazy river at The Wharf. Raffle tickets will be sold in a Six Quack (giving you 6 chances to win for each six quack) for \$25. The winning duck (and ticket) receives a \$500 grand prize. There are many more chances to win other prizes also! All of the proceeds go toward college scholarships and community service in Orange Beach. For raffle tickets and/or sponsorship information, contact Angela Claypool 251-504-2773.

For over 34 years, the Orange Beach Lions Club has carried out the Lions motto, "We Serve," by contributing to vision and diabetes screenings, individuals who need eye exams and glasses, student educational scholarships, student leadership workshops, sponsorship for Orange Beach students to attend Camp Seale Harris, Christian Service Center and Coastal Cleanup. We are looking for local business sponsors that would like to join other Orange Beach area businesses to be a sponsor and/or donate prizes for this great cause, please contact Angela Claypool 251-504-2773.



5th Annual Forward City Con April 1 at Foley Civic Center

Foley Public Library will host its 5th Annual Forward City Con (a comic/anime/gaming convention) on Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. The free event will include a Cosplay competition, panel discussions, showing of anime, door prizes, video gaming area - manned by Action Game & Movie, a tabletop gaming area, a special play, a variety of demos, photo opportunities, and the Greek Gals Yummies food truck as well as food delivery by the Wacked Out Weiner.

The Cosplay competition is open to 60 contestants in "self-made" and "purchased" categories. Online entry for the Cosplay competition prior to April 1 is encouraged via forwardcitycon.com. Pre-registration is also available from 9 a.m. - noon before the contest (rules on website). Call Melanie at 251-943-1031 for more info.

Several local vendors such as Brew Productions and Covert Comics along with artists like Nice as Mice and Flopbox will also be on hand. Anime viewing will be going on next door to the Civic Center at the Foley Public Library in the upstairs meeting room. Panel discussions will be hosted in the Foley Council Chambers located in the same building where the Civic Center is housed. Door prize awards as well as participant games and prize tosses will be conducted from the stage at the Civic Center. Play performance by Commedia del Arte, a LARping demo and an SCA demo will also be on the stage. Special guest Shane Adams from Knights of Valour will be there for autographs and photos.

Dive For Debris April 16 at Gulf State Park Pier

As anglers take their places to reel in the biggest catches at the popular Gulf State Park Pier, they often get their fishing line, weights, and other debris tangled among the pilings. Sometimes, cups, bait containers, and the occasional cell phone may drop into the water. It is inevitable that it will happen. But thanks to an event organized by local divers, something can be done to clean up the mess.

Partnering with Down Under Dive Shop and Red Flag Surf & Dive, Gulf State Park will host its 3rd Dive for Debris Underwater Cleanup on Sunday, April 16 from 8 a.m. - noon. In the event of bad weather, the dive will be postponed until April 30.

To Register or for more info, email gulfevents.statepark@dnr.alabama.gov. With registration, participants will receive a free parking pass and one free tank of air from Down Under Dive Shop.

Those who dive/snorkel will get a free hotdog, chips & fountain drink, provided by the pier. Door prizes will also be part of the post event festivities for registered participants.

The pier will be open for sightseers during the clean-up, but fishing will not be allowed from 8 a.m. until noon.

- Ashley Raines: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Greg Brown: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Brooks Johnson: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mike Diamond: 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Sandy Roots Band: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- J.Hawkins: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Brandon Giles: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- 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.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- 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, APRIL 1

- Opera "Falstaff" by Verdi, in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera: 11:30a.m.; CMX Pinnacle 14, Gulf Shores. Baritone Michael Volle, as Falstaff, leads a large ensemble cast.
- Zach Chavers: 1, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Dixon Darling: 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Austin Thompson: 4; Woodsidde Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Jerry Gambino Duo: 11 a.m.; Tacky

- Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Damian Lamb: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Crawfish & Karaoke: noon-3; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Tangerine Station: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Spicy Danger: 5; Pleasure IslandTiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Mudbugs & Margaritas: 10-7; Heritage Park, Foley.
- Rufus McBlack: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- 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, APRIL 2

- JERI: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Varner: noon, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Johnny Hayes: 4, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Justin Colvard: 4; Woodsidde Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Wiley Pete: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Hippiie Jim & Crawfish: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Josh Newsom: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Brittany Grimes: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

So typical of March as a transitional month, the weather continues to defy seasonal norms. Nature's pendulum swings both ways, and we are now experiencing a bit of below average temperatures. Many days begin in the 40s instead of the 50s we usually see. Also, recent afternoon high temps often do not reach the seasonal norms of the low 70s. As a result, the water temperatures in the shallow back bays and surfzone have actually fallen back into the upper 60s. Fortunately that is still a little above

average for late March. Consequently we have still been seeing good results from sheephead herders cashing in on the spawn. These fish will remain hungry as most of them wrap up their amorous activity around the next full moon on April 6th.

This fortnight coincides with our lunar based tide cycle, so it begins (March 22) and ends (April 4 - 5) with NEAP tides. That means the difference between low and high tide will be less near those days, and tidal flow near the passes will not be as strong as during the week in between. That is when high tide will occur in the afternoon/evening hours.

Reports of spanish mackerel have been spotty the past couple of weeks. But that run should get cranked up as we get into true meteorological spring. Mackerel are warm water pelagic fish that winter over in the waters off southwest Florida. Notably, that region that has been wracked repeatedly by red tide outbreaks this winter. Not that it necessarily kills migrating fish outright, but it may well have interrupted their food supply as they travel through that region on their way here. Spanish mackerel have been reported to our east all along the Florida Panhandle, so more should trickle over our way through the coming weeks.

Pompano migrations are another species that may be affected by Florida red tides. More and more of these tasty jacks usually filter into our area through April, just off the beaches. A favorite target species for local and vacationing anglers alike, pompano fishing constitutes the backbone of the surf fishing industry along the coast. There is a subculture of locally based anglers who target pompano year round, but April is the best month to find them here. That is when pompano are gathering into large pre-spawn schools in the surf zone, just off our beaches. Look for sand bar drop offs creating a feeding station for hungry pompano within casting distance from shore. Breaking waves dislodge the invertebrate species pompano feed upon, and sweep these potential food items over the shoreward edge of the bar into the deeper trough. That is the precise spot you want to place your bait. It

can be double dropper "pompano rigs" with fresh shrimp and Fishbites or Fishgum, or even fresh sandfleas or ghost shrimp. If you use ghost shrimp, wrap them with light bait keeper thread like Magic Thread (available at the local Bait & Tackle shops. Those are your best locations to get get the items like rigs, bait, other tackle and advice. Whiting which are Gulf or Northern kingfish are the most frequent by-catch for pompano fishermen. But sometimes, like at night or when the water is roiled and dingy all they may catch is catfish of the hardhead or gafttopsail varieties. These can pull hard, and are edible, but not nearly as desirable for anglers used to dining on delectable pompano. Redfish, black drum and bluefish are other frequent bycatch species, along with the ever present rays.

This time of year, I like to have a 7 to 8 foot rod with a jig or spoon tied on, ready, in my cart to cast for bluefish or mackerel or even "bonita". Often these fast-moving fish may show themselves near the beach but they do not stick around long. So timing is critical to grab the rod and get the lure to them before they disappear. Similarly, if you fish the Gulf State Park Pier, notice how many regular anglers have multiple rods on their carts rigged different ways despite the fish only one rod at a time rule. This is so they can quickly change target species simply by putting one rod down and grabbing another that is pre-rigged. Also many pier fishers carry a bait bucket with a bubbler and a landing net on a rope. Most are more than happy to lend it out or land a fish for you when needed. Simply ask for help if you need it, even for rigging advice or other tips. Overall, it is a very friendly fishing venue where folks are glad to help the less experienced fisherfolks.

This time of year, most pier fishers will concentrate on sheephead. They usually fish vertically or near vertically along the pier, often dangling a live shrimp or fiddler crab next to the piling. This keeps anglers at regularly spaced intervals, though sometimes two anglers may fish either side of the same piling. Anglers targeting spanish mackerel will usually be casting from the outermost accessible part of the pier just south of the middle platform. Nicknamed "the nub", it extends southward just a little more than 100 feet from the platform. Soon schools of large jack crevalle will start showing up off the east side of the pier, and perhaps even a solitary cobia or two. These large fish (15 to 50 pounds) are usually targeted with three ounce jigs on heavy rods. So be aware what is going on around you when you hear a commotion or the call "COMING DOWN", as someone needs room to follow a big fish down the rail. Either crouch down to let them pass over you, or step back to let them pass under your rod and line so they can keep up with their big fish. Nobody wants to be the reason an angler loses a trophy sized fish, and it only takes a little cooperation to prevent that along with any subsequent disagreement.

Spring Break is a time when folks head to the beach for some sun and fun. There is plenty of room for everyone either on the pier or beaches. Especially in undeveloped areas away from the public access points. There are plenty of fishing options for shorebound anglers to explore.

Restaurant; Bon Secour.
• Dixon Darling: noon, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
• Lucky Doggs :4; Front Porch; Lillian.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles potluck fundraiser: noon; Foley.
• 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, APRIL 3

• Josh Newcom: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
• Orange Beach Community Center Pot Luc: 6; OB CommunityCenter; all welcome.
• Jesse Duncan: 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
• Dad Fire: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
• Dixon Darling, 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
• Karaoke: 5; Front Porch; Lillian.
• 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;



FISHING FUN: (From top left) This sheephead caught from the beach in Gulf Shores by Tyler Campbell measured 24 inches long. Tyler said he and his brother Chance surf fish on Pleasure Isle often and this was their biggest catch to date; Fay Distefano landed several very nice sheephead from the the seawall at Alabama Point while using live shrimp on a Frisky Fins jig. (Pic by AL Surf Cast Co. of Foley); Five year old Kelton Warren had a great time catching this pompano dinner with his dad, Brad Warren; James Pemberton recently caught some nice sheephead from Gulf State Park Pier while using his Frisky Fins jig. (Photo by Ellis "Cajun" Cattani); Jeramie & Ami Scoville from Illinois caught this sheephead on West Beach.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Perdido Key.
 • 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.
 • 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, APRIL 4

• Zach Chavers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Dixon Darling: 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
 • Strutt Douglas: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

• Ashley Raines: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch; Lillian.
 • 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: The Tiki; 5; Sportsman Marina, Orange Beach.
 • Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby

Line-up released for May 6-8 Perdido Key Music Festival

Playa del Rio & Sandy Roots will kick off a summer of concerts on Ole River with the May 6-7 Perdido Key Music Festival. May 6 acts include Glen Templeton, Johnny Hayes Band, Dark Water Project and Royal Horses. On May 7, Jenna McClelland, River Dan, Kyle Coulahan and Tyler Livingston and the Absolutés will be on stage. Sunday's line-up also includes a songwriters jam. For more info or tickets (on sale soon), visit perdidokeymusicfest.com.

The fest is a bring your own chairs and BYOB event. No pets allowed, and there is free parking in the gravel parking lot behind the Snappy Foods. Playa del Rio RV Resort is located at 16990 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key.

"It is going to be a great music event on the water with all the proceeds from the festival going to many great charities and good causes," said event founder Mark McBride.

Engraved commemorative bricks are available for Foley's Centennial Park

Commemorative bricks, the perfect gift for Mother's or Father's Day, are being sold for permanent placement at Foleys' Centennial Park. Purchase an engraved brick to be installed in Foley's Centennial Plaza during the current expansion of the walkway. The purchase price includes a certificate that can be presented as a gift. Bricks (4x8 \$50 and 8x8 \$125) may be purchased at the Foley Welcome Center. Installation takes about six months.

Elberta High School hires 10 time state champ coach

Elberta head football coach Nate McDaniel has hired 10-time AISA state champion head coach Bobby Carr as its new offensive coordinator, according to Ben Thomas of al.com. Elberta went 2-8 in the tough Class 5A, Region 1 in 2022.

Carr replaces Andrew Davis, who left McDaniel's staff after a decade to join the Spanish Fort staff. McDaniel played football and baseball for Carr at New Life Christian in Millbrook, according to al.com.

Carr has won 250 games in 25 years as a head coach in Alabama. He went 40-16 in five years at New Life, 162-25 in 15 years at Edgewood and 48-11 in five years at Autauga Academy. He won seven AISA state championships at Edgewood and added three more as head coach at Autauga Academy. He won a fourth championship as an assistant at Autauga before taking over as head coach, according to al.com.

Youth-Reach Gulf Coast Golf Tourney April 7 at Peninsula

The 11th Annual Youth-Reach Gulf Coast Golf Tournament will be held April 7 at Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club in Gulf Shores. Check-in and breakfast start at 8:15 a.m., and the tourney kicks off with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Format is four-man scramble and tourney competitions include closest to the pin, longest drive, straightest drive and longest putt. The entry fee is \$800 per team or \$200 per player and includes breakfast, a great lunch, golf towel nice tumbler, green fees and range balls. Tournament sponsorship ranging from hole to title are also being solicited. Call (251) 967-4809, email caleb@youth-reach.org or visit youthreachgc.org or more info.

Youth-Reach Gulf Coast is a non-profit Christ-centered home set on a beautiful 81-acre campus east of Summerdale. The program is designed to remold the values and turn around the lives of at-risk young men, ages 18-22. Founded in 1984, the program's focuses on structure and a balanced family and home life. It is a long-term program intended to heal past wounds and restore families.

ACF Good Life Bicycle Rides this May at Gulf State Park

The Alabama Coastal Foundation Good Life Bicycle Ride will feature four options originating from The Lodge @ Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores in May. Take a relaxing, scenic bicycle ride through the beautiful backcountry trails of Gulf State Park on May 6, May 9, May 11, and Saturday, May 13. This is not a race, but instead a way to raise awareness for bicycle safety. Each ride will begin at 9 a.m. and include a 30 minute break at the Nature Center for a visit with a GSP naturalist. For more info, visit joinACF.org goodliferide.org.

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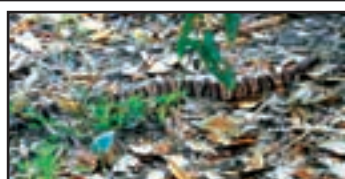
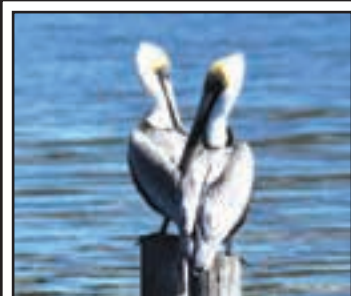
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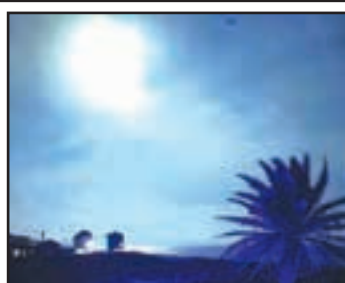
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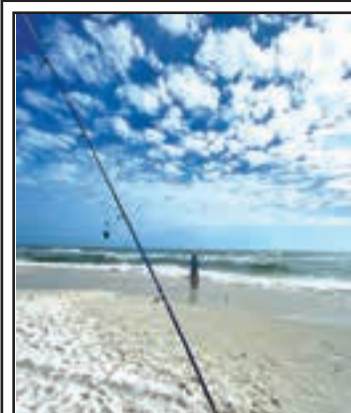
Ken Groezinger shares pic of a water moccasin snake taken Feb. 19 at Gulf State Park.



Flying lessons a pair of pelicans at Gulf State Park from Rick Boes of Muskegon, Michigan.



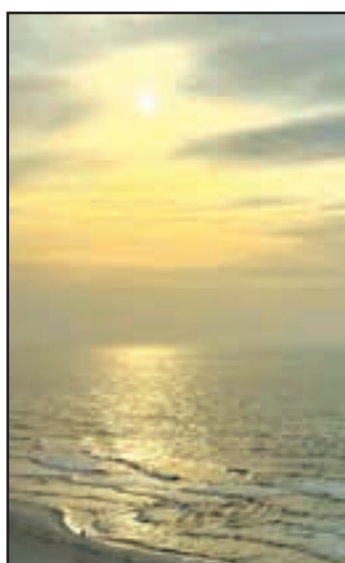
Moon over Ft. Morgan from Kenneth Herrmann.



Pia Simms captures a beautiful cloud formation.



Laura Bentley share a shot from Perdido Pass.



"Forrest had it right. It's hard to tell where earth ends and heaven begins," writes Mike Yeager.



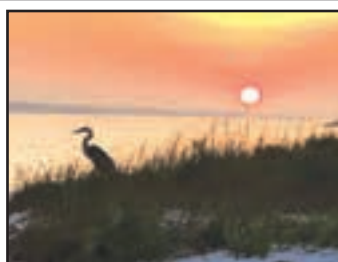
Ken Groezinger submitted another amazing pic before he headed home to Illinois.



"Hank Heron waiting for his meal," writes Gary Cherpes.



Beautiful sunset in O.B. from Deb Conroy of Mt. Pleasant MI.



From Lee Rider, of Perdido Key.



Diane Farhman shares pic of amily celebrating mom's 60th Birthday in Gulf Shores

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.
 • Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5

p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
 • Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
 • Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

WED, APRIL 5

• Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Destiny Brown: 5; CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
 • Wes Loper: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • Greg Brown: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • Brent Varner: 4; CoastalAL 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 w. Tim Roberts: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • Ricky Johnson & Friends: 5; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
 • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club shows appreciation for Orange Beach

Members of the Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club on Thursday, March 16th presented Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon, on behalf of the city, with the club colors in the form of a framed jacket in appreciation of the City of Orange Beach's support of police and first responders. The Punishers LEMC was established in 1999 in New Jersey. The club has more than 300 chapters worldwide.

"Today we're here to present our colors to the mayor and the City of Orange Beach to put on display in their City Hall," said International Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club President John Boyan, of Rochester, New York, who was in town and joined the local Alabama Coastal Chapter for the presentation at Orange Beach City Hall. "We're proud to be able to present that here and we certainly appreciate the welcoming reception that we received."

Mayor Kennon accepted the City Hall gift with great appreciation. "It's an honor for me to do so," Mayor Kennon said. "The City of Orange Beach backs the blue, 100 percent, and these guys are the epitome of what service to others is all about. They risk their lives everyday for us, and in any way we can show our appreciation for that, we want to do so."

"We are in 19 countries," Boyan said. "We are composed primarily of law enforcement - active and retired, military - active and retired, many first responders, and like-minded individuals as well. Our motto is 'In Service to Others.' So much of what we do on an individual chapter basis is raise money for various charities around the country. We do a lot of children's groups, anti-bullying is a focus and, of course, supporting law enforcement and first responders."

Locally, the Alabama Coastal Chapter supports families of children in need by providing groceries for weekends and school breaks at certain times of the year. It just completed its annual Poker Chip Run, with profits going toward bringing abandoned K9s home from overseas, last weekend. For more info, visit punisherslemc.com or Facebook. By Ben Thomas | bthomas@al.com Elberta head football coach Nate McDaniel went searching for a proven offensive coordinator this winter.



Elberta Middle School FCCLA students shine at leadership competition

The Elberta Middle School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently attended the Alabama FCCLA State Leadership Conference and Competition. The chapter one three state awards for community service and membership increase. Additionally, fifteen students attended and competed in nine events. Students who received gold medals were Meredith Williams, Catie Parker, Finley Loper, Zoeylynn Barnwell, Kortlyn White, Anna Schuck, Christa Tolbert. Students who received silver medals were Eva Aguilar, Delaney English, Ryleigh Fogos, Haley Burnett, Sadie Kitchens. Students who received bronze medals were Addison Cranford, Maggie Thorjusen, and McCoy Ezell. Furthermore, eleven students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO, in July (Williams, Parker, Loper, Barnwell, White, Schuck, Tolbert, Aguilar, English, Burnett, and Kitchens). For more information about FCCLA, please go to fcclainc.org.

New \$1.2 million Foley Kids Park coming soon

A new Kids Park should be open in Foley by summer to replace the playground that has served a generation of children. The original park at Max Griffith Park closed Monday, Feb. 27 to allow work to begin, David Thompson, executive director of leisure services, said.

The new park is expected to cost about \$1.2 million. The city will receive about \$500,000 in grants to pay part of the cost.

"We're going to take as much of it apart as we can and put it to other uses," Thompson said. "The slides and swings will be taken down and used in other locations."

Thompson said the tubes that children have crawled through over the years will be sent to the Foley Fire Department. Firefighters will use the spaces to train for moving through enclosed areas during drills.

Thompson said the animal figures that now decorate the original park will be taken down, refurbished and moved to the Graham Creek Nature Preserve.

Mayor Ralph Hellmich said residents can follow the progress of work building the new park.

"We are going to have a live camera posted up there where people can watch the construction of the Kids Park," Hellmich said. "It will take about 90 days. We hope to be done before the kids get out of school, which I think will occur. Then we'll have a grand opening. We'll tell all the kids about it, but that's kind of fun."

The Foley Kids Park was built in 2001. Thompson said the wooden facility was intended to last about 15 years. Now, after more than two decades in the Gulf Coast weather, the new facility will be going up.

He said work will start in March on the new park and the facility is scheduled to be completed in about 12 weeks.

- Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- Karaoke: 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: 9:30-11 a.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.

THU, APRIL 6

- Light Travelers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Mike Diamond: 5, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Charlie Wilson: 4; Woodsides Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Zack Chavers: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Rick Carter Trio: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Meyer Park Concert: 6; free; back-up location is Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Mike Diamond: 4, CoastalAL Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Wes Loper: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity.
- Heath Davidson: 5; Woodsides Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.



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Disney's Newsies Jr. set for April 28-30

The Orange Beach Conservatory of Fine Arts will present Disney's Newsies Jr. on April 28-30 at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center. Showtimes will be 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. A 2 p.m. matinee will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. here is an additional \$1 service fee charged per ticket. For tickets, go to gofan.co/app/events.

Mag says G.S. is "a seafood lover's dream"

FOOD & WINE, a monthly magazine in print and digital (foodandwine.com), recently featured Gulf Shores with a feature titled "This White-Sand Southern Beach Town Is a Seafood Lover's Dream."

Spend a laid-back weekend peeling spice-coated shrimp, tipping back local oysters, and sipping frozen cocktails in Gulf Shores, Alabama," was the kicker in the Regan Stephens penned story.

Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, LuLu's, GT's on the Bay, CoastAL, Fisher's Upstairs & Dockside, Flora-Bama Yacht Club, The Gulf and Zeke's Landing all received glowing reviews for their seafood menus.

- Open Mic w/ Gary Story: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
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- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.



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Fried Oysters with cocktail sauce.....	market
Fried Seafood Platter shrimp, oysters, flounder, crab claws.....	19.99
Broiled Seafood Platter shrimp, scallops, flounder almondine.....	18.99
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Grilled Chicken Breast with a light touch of lemon-herb oil.....	12.99
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Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



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"Rob," said the boss, "you've been with the company for a year. You started off as an office clerk, one week later you were promoted to a sales position, and one month after that you were promoted to district manager. Just four short months later, you were promoted to vice-chairman. Now it's time for me to retire, and I want you to take over the com-

pany. What do you say to that?" "Thanks," said the employee. "Thanks?" the boss replied. "Is that all you can say?" The employee said, "Thanks, Dad."

.....
A man went to the doctor and said: "Doctor, I keep having visions of the future." "When did these start?" "Next Thursday."

.....
An lady walked into a newspaper office to have an obituary appear in the paper.

The employee gave her a form and told her to write the obituary on it. She wrote, "Earl W. Worth died Saturday, December 2nd at his home. Services are at The Baptist Church at 3 P.M."

The employee looked at the form and said, "I'm sorry, ma'am, but obituaries are limited to 7 words apiece."

The woman took another form and wrote, "Earl died. '57 Chevy truck for sale."

.....
A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

.....
I've tried telling a few jokes

about the unemployed but they don't work.

.....
What is a honeymoon salad? Lettuce alone without any dressing.

.....
Relationships are a lot like algebra. You look at your X and wonder Y?

.....
Why did the cat want to join the Red Cross?

He wanted to be a first aid kit!

.....
The trial went on for 4 weeks with testimony by both sides. Finally, the jury retired to determine the verdict.

After 2 days the jury had reached a decision to acquit the prisoner.

Judge: "What possible reason could you have for acquitting the prisoner?"

Foreman: "Insanity, sir."

Judge: "What, all twelve of you?"

.....
My favorite childhood memory is building sand castles with my grandfather. That was before my mother took the urn from me.

.....
Waiter: I see your glass is

empty, would you like another one?

Me: Why would I want two empty glasses?

.....
How many kids with ADD does it take to change a light-bulb?

Let's go ride bikes!

.....
A cinema actor, suing for a breach of contract, described himself as the greatest actor in the world.

One of his friends took him to task for so loudly singing his own praises.

"I know," replied the actor, "it must have sounded somewhat conceited, but, remember, I was under oath."

.....
My wife asked me why I was doing the dishes while sitting down.

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.....
I found a vinyl record called "Sounds of the Wasps."

When I played it, I said to myself, "This doesn't sound like wasps."

I was right. I was playing the B-side.

.....
If I'm counting right, it's been

'one of those days' for three years now.

.....
A rookie was pitching his first game walked the first five men he faced and the manager took him out of the game.

The rookie slammed his glove on the ground as he yelled, "Darn it, the jerk took me out when I had a no-hitter going!"

.....
• A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

• I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

• Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.

• How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

• I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

• I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.

• Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Time will tell.

• Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and order drinks. The bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."

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