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CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 16 at Erie Meyer Civic Center

Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa on Saturday, December 16, as the City of Gulf Shores hosts Breakfast with Santa at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Beginning at 8 a.m., families can dive into a wholesome breakfast complete with sausage, bacon, eggs, and pancakes. Admission is \$5, while children 3 and under are free. Children will also receive a complimentary picture with Santa. More info: GulfShoresAL.gov.

Annual Brett/Robinson Charity Rummage Sale Dec. 9

Brett/Robinson's Annual Charity Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the company's laundry at 25050 Canal Road in Orange Beach. The sale includes items donated by employees, condo owners, friends and people in the Pleasure Island community. Items for sale will include furniture, household goods, home accessories, clothing, toys and other assorted goodies. Payment is by cash or check. The charity fundraiser also includes Split the Pot 50/50 raffle. Last year's winner received \$2,000. The Brett Robinson krewe is also conducting a toy drive and will accept new toys in original packaging that can be exchanged for a \$10 voucher towards purchases. For more info, please contact Sabrina Downey at 251.948.1899.

Gulf Coast Art Alliance Gallery Open House is Dec. 2

By Eloise Thomley

The sparkle of Christmas begins with the Christmas Open House at the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, December 2 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Enjoy live music, delicious food, wine, hot apple cider and more. Your whole family is welcome to stop by, enjoy the festivities and look around for Christmas gifts. The gallery is full of original art by dozens of local and regional artists. These are gifts that last a lifetime. We are looking forward to having a Merry Christmas with you at 225 E 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.

Dec. 23 Make It To Line at 'Bama benefits Secret Santa

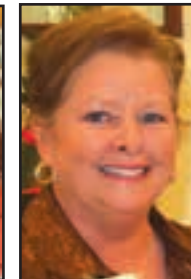
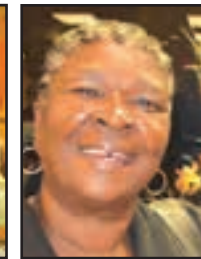
The Flora-Bama Lounge & Package will host its 35th Annual Make It to The Line 4-Mile Run/ Walk & 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m. Packet pick-up will be Dec. 22 from 4-7 p.m. and Dec. 23 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. at the Flora-Bama.

The individual entry fee is \$30 and the event is free for children 9 years & under (no t-shirt). The fee includes a race t-shirt and other goodies for the first 400 and plenty of healthy food, drink (including a couple of beers) and music on all three 'Bama stages post race. The 4-mile course is a simple out and back from the Flora-Bama to the Perdido Pass Bridge.

Awards will be three deep in thirteen age categories – male and female – for both runners and walkers. The now famous post race party will also include lots of door prizes. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf at the Alabama-Florida line. Register online at active.com or at Flora-Bama. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The PLT Secret Santa program.

Downtown Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade is Dec. 1

Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade will take to the that city's downtown streets on Friday, Dec. 1 beginning at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Morphy and Section Street. The parade continues down Section to Oak Street and back up Church St. For info, call 251-929-1466.



FAC's Trim-A-Tree is open at Tanger Center

The Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree at Suite 410 in the Tanger Outlet will remain open through Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sundays.

The annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event features wonderful creations by over 120 local artists & crafters from throughout the southeast. All vendors are juried members of the Foley Art Center (across from Heritage Park on Hwy. 59). For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit foleyart-center.com. Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stainglass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

Pictured: Trim-A-Tree's festive opening reception.

G.S. Community Christmas Dec. 1

Enjoy a night with family, friends, and fellow residents celebrating the holiday season at Johnnie Sims Park (348 W 19th Ave.) in Gulf Shores on December 1 from 6-8 p.m. Families can enjoy pictures with Santa, holiday treats, crafts, and the 8th Annual Snowball Drop.

The Snowball Drop is a man-made blizzard of 8,000 ping pong balls being dropped from above by Santa himself! Winning balls have a number that correlates with a prize that can be immediately redeemed by City of Gulf Shores staff.

Elberta Christmas Parade Dec. 2

The Town of Elberta annual nighttime parade, and tree lighting will be on Dec. 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes pictures with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate, and a movie in the park. The parade rolls at 5:30 p.m. The short route runs on Illinois St. South to Hwy 98 East, then North on Co. Rd. 83 to Oak Street West to Chicago and back towards the school. Bring a family ornament to hang for the lighting of the town tree, get a pic with Santa and hot chocolate. More info: 251-232-5393.

CHRISTMAS IN FOLEY, ALABAMA

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1

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Santa, refreshments and tree lighting at 6 p.m. in Foley's Heritage Park. Christmas Tree decorating winners announced.

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2

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LET IT SNOW

Experience a snowy wonderland plus food, music, kid's activities and marketplace! Take a photo in our snowglobe. 11 a.m. in Foley's Heritage Park.

DEC
4

BALDWIN POPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Baldwin Pops presents an evening of holiday classics. Free admission. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Foley Civic Center. 7 p.m.

DEC
7

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET

Artisan vendors crafting the perfect gifts, baked-good vendors mixing up delicious holiday treats, and food truck vendors cooking up a bit of holiday cheer.
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DEC
**2,9,15
16,17**

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CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST

Dec. 2 Foley Christmas Parade will start at Foley Armory

The Annual Foley Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade has been given the green-light and will be rolling through the streets of downtown Foley on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. The parade will follow the same route as in previous years. Lineup will begin at 8 a.m. between the Foley Armory and the Foley Public Library.

Directly following the Christmas Parade, there will be snow flurries in Heritage Park during the Let It Snow Party, which includes kids activities, live entertainment, and a Christmas marketplace. Santa will be there as well.

Mobile Youth Symphony holiday concert Dec. 1 in Foley

The Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra will present its annual holiday concert at the Foley Civic Center on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center (407 E Laurel Ave.) The suggested donation is \$5 per person at the door.

Mystics Taste of the Island Dec. 1 at O.B. Event Center

The Mystics of Pleasure Baldwin County Benevolent Fund will present the Annual Taste of the Island on Friday, Dec. 1 at beginning at 6 p.m. at The Event Center at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets are on sale now for \$60 per at mysticsofpleasure.com or you can buy a table of 10 for \$600. Only 400 tickets will be sold and they are going fast. The annual fundraiser includes tastings from more than 30 restaurants, an open bar and a fabulous silent auction with lovely baskets. Dance to the rhythm of the Fuego Show Band. Dress code is effortlessly chic in Island Casual attire. The Marines will be collecting Toys for Tots at the door so please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl or both.

Saint Andrew by the Sea Holiday Tour of Homes Dec. 2

The Saint Andrew by the Sea Holiday Tour of Homes will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 from noon to 4pm. The tour will consist of twelve beautiful homes decorated for the holidays. All the homes are in the Peninsula community on Fort Morgan Road (about 5 miles west of Hwy 59) and are conveniently within three miles of one another. This event is a fundraiser for the Church and its many community outreach programs. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 on the day of the event and are available at the Church office (17263 Fort Morgan Road/ 251-968-3900) during regular office hours as well as on Eventbrite. Maps of the homes on the tour will be provided at the entrance (guard house) to Peninsula on the day of the event. All are welcome to enjoy this event as well as all Church services and activities. Saint Andrew by the Sea Community Church is a Christian congregation of people from diverse backgrounds whose journeys of faith have led us to worship and praise God, fellowship with one another.

CSC accepting holiday registrations for help thru Dec. 5

The Christian Service Center sign-ups for help for families will end on Dec. 5. The sign-ups will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon on the front porch of the center located at 317 Dolphin Ave. in Gulf Shores. The CSC will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23-24.

The last several years have been harder than usual for many families in our community, so the need is great. All families in need living in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fort Morgan are invited to participate and have the best Christmas possible.

In 2022, the Christian Service Center was able to provide Christmas for 233 families with 654 children.



Coastal Ballet's Nutcracker Dec. 2-3 in Gulf Shores & Dec. 8-9 in Orange Beach

In addition to its two shows at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center on Dec. 8-9, Coastal Ballet will take parts of its annual production of The Nutcracker to Bon Secour, Foley and Gulf Shores this year. With a cast numbering more than 40, the troupe will perform excerpts from the Nutcracker at South Baldwin Theater in Gulf Shores Dec. 2-3 at 2 p.m. (Tickets are \$20 and available at SBCT.biz). The cast, which includes Coastal Ballet director Rio Cordy, will perform during a lunch at the Copper Kettle in Foley from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 18. The classical Christmas ballet will then take over the stage at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 for children ages 4-17, and free for children 3 and younger. Purchase tickets online at onthestage.tickets. **Pictured:** (Above) Cast members performing at a recent Nutcracker Tea at the Tea Kettle; (below) Coastal Ballet tap teacher Robin Robyn Monaghan and director Rio Cordy will both have dancing parts in this year's production of Nutcracker.



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CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST

Family Promise Chocolate Affair Dec. 7 at Daphne Civic Center

The 16th Annual Chocolate Affair - A Night of Promises will be held on Dec. 7 from 6-9 p.m. at the Daphne Civic Center. The event is an annual fundraiser event to provide shelter and housing services to families with children experiencing homelessness. Online and in-person silent auction, live fund the mission auction, desserts galore, area restaurant chefs specialties, and music by Bo Grant (formerly from the Platters) are among the features this year. Tickets are \$50 per person, and many levels of sponsorships are also available. For more info, call 251-947-5641 or visit familypromisebc.org.

Baldwin Pops Christmas Concert Dec. 5 in Gulf Shores

The Baldwin Pops will play a free general admission Christmas Concert on Dec. 5 at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center (1930 West 2nd St.) in Gulf Shores at 7 p.m. The Baldwin Pops is an organization of volunteer musicians whose mission is to share music in a concert band format free of charge to the citizens of Baldwin County. The concert is also a collection site for the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. Patrons are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift.

Stray Love Foundation adoption event Dec. 9 at Tanger

The Magnolia Springs based Stray Love Foundation has started its annual Home for the Holidays adoption campaign in hopes of finding all of its rescues (including a 3 year old Yorkie) their forever homes in time for the holidays. Go to straylovefoundation.org (or call 251-510-8200) to view available pets and fill out an adoption application and then come to the in-person adoption event at LeCrueset at the Tanger Outlet in Foley on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to pick out a fur-baby!

"We have taken in more orphaned cats and kittens this fall than ever before. Whether orphaned as babies or when their human passed away, we want to find them all permanent, safe and loving homes," said Gayle Guthrie, Stray Love's founder and director. We have adoptable cats and kittens also. The adoption campaign will go through January 2, so we have plenty of time to find the purrfect homes for our sweet rescues. Also, to make these adoptions extra special, we work with Santa and making deliveries Christmas morning to good girls and boys."

Coastal Chamber's Holly Days on Main Dec. 9-10 at Wharf

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber's 4th Annual Holly Days on Main will be held at The Wharf on Dec. 9-10 from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m. The event features fine arts, retail, and arts & crafts vendors lining up and down Main Street with a wide variety of gift ideas. Enjoy live music and dance performances from area students and local musicians and specials from Wharf restaurants, bars, & shops. The Wharf also provides a perfect viewing spot for the Dec. 9 Coastal Alabama Annual Lighted Boat Parade. A Santa Pub Crawl hosted by the Lower Alabama Young Professionals bouncing around The Wharf is also part of the fun.

"As we've continued to grow the festival, it has quickly become a favorite," said Greg Alexander, President & CEO of the Chamber. "This truly special event provides us with an opportunity to support our local businesses during the winter season."

The event will include an entertainment stage with Christmas themed performances by youth choir & dance programs, and local musicians. Sunday morning will feature a service from Central Church of Orange Beach and a live nativity scene. Free family activities include wreath making with the Gulf State Park Center for Ecotourism, a gift basket raffle. More info: 251.968.8651.



3rd Annual Visions of Christmas show Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Orange Beach Performing Arts Center

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Music Department will present the 3rd Annual Visions of Christmas show at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center Nov. 30-Dec. 2. All three dates will have 7 p.m. showtimes, and there will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 2. The variety show will be a combination of solos, duets, ensembles, and full choirs with some eight-part harmonies. Musical styles will range from classical to rock n' roll versions of holiday songs. Free tickets are available online at onthestage.ticketsororangebeachal.gov. The Performing Arts Center (251-923-0043) is located at 23908 Canal Rd. on the eastern portion of the Orange Beach Middle/High School campus. Box office hours are from 3:30-6 p.m. on weekdays.

"This show is a community favorite because it creates an atmosphere of hope and happiness for the coming new year and is something the whole family can enjoy together," said Expect Excellence Music Director Caleb Pittman. "We hope to put a smile on people's faces, while we also get to share the reason for the season."

"We will have some recurring themes and comedic elements. But, even for those who have seen past performances, it will never be the same show because we always have some surprises," added Orange Beach Creative Director Jessica Langston.

The Performing Arts Center is a Toys 4 Tots collection point and Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available during the performances. For those wanting to contribute, a new, unwrapped toy is requested.

With the majority of the Expect Excellence Music staff being University of Mobile alumni, the original framework for Visions of Christmas stems from that university's annual Christmas show. **Pictured:** Top left to right: Matthew Craig, Abigail Bedsworth, Abigail Bedsworth, Matt Hurst, Chris Jenkins and Emryn Rowley; Second row left to right: Kat Vittetoe, Rissa Butt, Polly Pittman, Greg Engell and Hunter Britt; Bottom: Visions of Christmas performers sing "The 12 Days of Christmas" during a rehearsal on Nov. 17.



Big Band Christmas Dance Dec. 2 in Loxley

The City Rhythm Big Band will host a Christmas Dance on Dec. 2 at The Loxley Civic Center from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, and the event is byob beverages and snacks. Water/cups and ice will be provided. The Loxley Civic Center is located at 4198 Municipal Park Dr. on the westside of Hwy. 59. Future dances will also be from 2-5 p.m. Dates include: Jan 27 - Winter Dance; Feb 24 - Sweetheart Dance; Mar 23 - St Patrick's Dance; Apr 27 - Spring Dance; Jun 22 - Summer Dance; July 27 - Late Summer Dance; Oct 26 - Fall Dance; Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Dance. Holiday Performances: May 27 - Memorial Day Dance; July 4 - Independence Day Dance; Sept 2 - Labor Day Dance.

Christmas Radio Theater Dec. 15-17 at SBCT

South Baldwin Community Theatre host excerpts from the Coastal Ballet's production of The Nutcracker Dec. 2-3 at 2 p.m. and Christmas Radio The-

atre featuring It's a Wonderful Life Dec. 15-17.

It's a Wonderful Lie is a live radio play based on the beloved classic holiday movie, actors portray numerous characters, and sound effects are performed live on stage. Shows are Dec. 15-16 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, visit SBCT.biz. SBCT is located at 2022 W 2nd St. in Gulf Shores.

Edward Jones G.S. is Toys For Tots drop-off

Edward Jones Gulf Shores will once again collaborate with Toys for Tots as a drop off spot this Christmas season. If you would like to contribute a new unwrapped toy, please bring your donation to the office, 2001 W First Street, Suite B in Gulf Shores Monday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. If you'd like, you may place the donation in your trunk or the back of your vehicle and then call to let Edwards Jones staff members know when you plan to drop it off. They will come out and get it when you arrive. Items bought online can be delivered to 2001 W First St. Suite B Gulf Shores, AL 36542. More Toys for Tots info: toysfortots.org.



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CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST



Christmas in the Park Dec. 2-31 at Lillian Rec. Park

Pre-registration not necessary for 9 a.m. free Dec. 2 Elf Run for Kids

Christmas in the Park opens at the Lillian Recreational Park on Dec. 2. Come see how the park has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind Christmas wonderland, with thousands of twinkling lights, the 20' Wonderland Tree, and festive exhibits around the Park.

This year's celebration will include a giant Christmas card contest with giant 4'x8' plywood Christmas cards displayed around the park's walking trail. See if you agree with the judges' choices of Most Creative, Most Holiday Spirit, and Community Favorite. Vote for their favorite on Facebook until noon on Dec. 2.

Christmas in the Park officially opens at 3 p.m. However, earlier in the day, Santa's elves will be hosting an Elf Run for kids 12 and under. Kids are asked to dress as elves for this fun run.

The Elf Run is free and begins at 9 a.m. There will be two runs, one for children under the age of 6, one for children ages 7 to 12. Preregistration is not necessary. Just be at the Park no later than 8:45 a.m. to sign up and participate and run around the park soccer field.

Santa and Mrs. Claus have indicated they will arrive at the Park around 4:15 p.m. and that they are bringing a few of their favorite elves with them to help hand out goodie bags. Unfortunately, Rudolph is unable to attend since he's resting up for his big night later in the month.

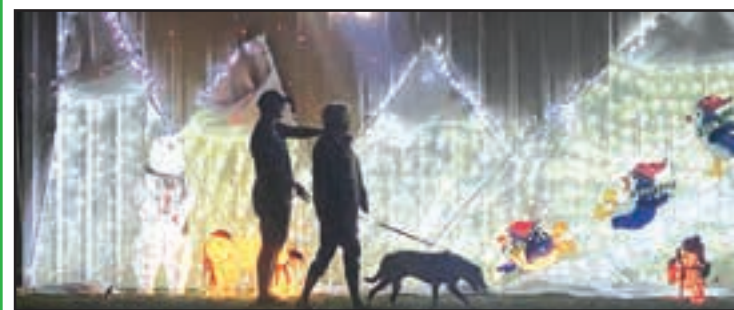
A variety of children's activities will start at 3 p.m. Make an ornament, have a snowball fight, play games like "Pin the nose on Rudolph," or write a letter to Santa. These are just some of the activities that will be offered that afternoon. There will also be music by Curt Cantrell, face painting, hot chocolate and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The "Launching of the Lights" will be at 5:30 p.m.

This year, Christmas in the Park is partnering with Toys for Tots, so there will be a box you may use to donate toys and books to the toy drive through Dec. 10.

"Christmas in the Park has become a family favorite. Last year, over 10,000 people visited our month-long lights display, with many people coming multiple times just to sit and enjoy the lights, said park volunteer Lucy Smith. "This year, our incredibly hard-working volunteers have added some new features we think people are going to love, including our Christmas train that will take children around the Park and our new, soon-to-be holiday favorite, "Merry-Oke" Christmas caroling night on Dec. 14."

The lights will be on for everyone to enjoy, weather permitting, through Dec. 31. Admission and parking are free. Golf carts will be available opening day to transport anyone with mobility issues.

The Park is located at 33914 Widell Avenue in Lillian. For more information on Christmas in the Park, visit the Park's website LillianRecreationalPark.org or call the Park, 251-962-2129.



Billy Claus, LuLuBelles & movie at LuLu's Dec. 15

Enjoy a memorable family Holiday experience at LuLu's Gulf Shores Annual Billy Claus and The LuLuBelles winter break kick-off on Friday, Dec. 15 beginning at 3 p.m.

Billy Claus, Santa's warm weather-loving brother, will be available for photos with the LuLuBelles from 3-5 p.m. Billy lives in the Caribbean, but he comes this way to help Santa during the Holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's fun version of Santa's elves. Billy will visit with children and pass their wish list to his brother. The fun includes lots of children's games and activities and a screening of Dr. Seuss' The Grinch from 5-7 p.m. The children's book "Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas Island" by Lucy Buffett will be available in the gift shop.

LuLu's is located in Gulf Shores under the HWY 59 Bridge, next to Homeport Marina. For more Billy Claus information, call (251) 967-5858 or visit LuLusFunFoodMusic.com.

Pictured: Billy Claus ornament from LuLu's gift shop.

O.B. open Christmas Potluck Dec. 4 at Community Center

The Orange Beach Community Association's annual Christmas Potluck with turkey and dressing will be held on Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Orange Beach Senior Center Program Coordinator Justine Clarke will be the guest speaker. Anyone attending may bring a side dish, dessert or pay \$5, if unable to prepare a food item.

Auroras' White Christmas In Tropics Dec. 1

The Mystical Order of Aurora Mardi Gras organization is once again opening its Christmas party to the public to provide toys for children this holiday season during its White Christmas in the Tropics party at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. Tickets are still available at eventbrite.com.

Escape the cold and join us for an elegant magical celebration of the holiday spirit as PBR's beachfront ballroom oasis is transformed into a tropical winter wonderland. Wear your favorite shade of white attire - ties are optional and dance the night away to the incredible tunes of Lisa & The E-Lusions from Montgomery.

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Bellingrath Christmas in Lights through Dec. 31

Magic Christmas in Lights at Mobile's Bellingrath Gardens and Home, one of the nation's best holiday light shows, continues through New Year's Eve. The dazzling nighttime display features 1,100 set pieces, 3 million lights and 15 scenes spread throughout the 65-acre Garden estate. More info: bellingrath.org or 251-973-2217.



SALT selling alligator Christmas ornaments

This year's South Alabama Land Trust Christmas ornament showcases a young, sleepy alligator enjoying the Alabama sunshine. (Photo by Susan Allison (above) from the 2022 SALT photography contest). The ornaments available for purchase for \$20 online (southalabamalandtrust.org) or donate \$250 and receive one in the mail as a thank you. Info: southalabamalandtrust.org. The holiday ornament is also available at Christmas Round the Corner in downtown Fairhope.

Since 1990, the South Alabama Land Trust has protected more than 10,800 acres of critical plant and animal habitat, coastal lands, the edges along creeks, rivers, and bays, clean water, and the scenic beauty that defines coastal Alabama. By working with willing landowners, SALT protects the water quality in creeks, rivers, and bays, and the habitat for native and sometimes rare plant and wildlife species.

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Lillian Christmas Parade is Dec. 9

The annual Lillian Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m. The Grand Marshalls will be William Hall and Lee Hoffman. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay sponsored parade will have over 50 entries and follow a route from the Lillian Community Club (LLC) at 34148 Widell Avenue to Hwy 98 and then north on 6th Street, west on Barclay then south on Santa Pedro and back to the LLC. There will be an award ceremony with refreshments directly following the parade at the LLC. Awards (\$50 gift certificates) will be given for Best Overall, Most Creative, Most Enthusiastic and Spirit of Lillian. For registration or other info, call parade chair Robin Newell at 402-677-3944 or robinnewell3@gmail.com.

Pictured: Winners of the Best Overall entry in the 2022 Lillian Christmas Parade was the Gulf Coast Dance Group. This year's event begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 on US Highway 98 and Santa Pedro Street. The parade is hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Lillian Breakfast with Santa is Dec. 16

Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay have contacted Santa and Mrs. Claus to make sure the Annual Breakfast with Santa event is on their calendar for Dec. 16. They have responded and are anxious to see the wonderful boys and girls of the Lillian area. The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Avenue, Lillian. After breakfast Santa will visit with each child, birth to 12 years of age, and present an age-appropriate gift. For more information call or text 251-234-1122 or visit Optimis-ClubPB.org.

Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade is Dec. 9.

More than 50,000 people are expected to converge on downtown Pensacola for the Cox Pensacola Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. The parade has grown to over 100 entries, including more than 50 floats, marching bands from every high school in Escambia County, Pace and Milton School from Santa Rosa County. The parade also features the nationally renowned Blue Angels flight team and a host of organizations from around the region.

The Pensacola Runners Association has teamed up with the Cox Pensacola Christmas Parade for the annual Downtown Parade Christmas Dash. The Christmas Dash is held immediately before the start of the parade, using the parade route as the site location.

Santa breakfast, reindeer lunch Dec. 2 at Tacky Jack Gulf Shores

Tacky Jack's Breakfast with Santa and Lunch with Reindeer are both scheduled on Dec. 2 at the Gulf Shores location.

Breakfast with Santa is from 8 a.m. 'til 11 a.m. and includes a digital picture with reindeer and the buffet breakfast. Cost is \$6 for kids 12 and under and \$12 for adults to come out and have a holly jolly good time with good ol' St. Nick.

Lunch with the reindeer is from 11 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. and includes free reindeer rides.

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores is located at 240 E. 24th Ave. on the Intracoastal Waterway.

For more info, call 251-948-8881 or visit tacky-jacks.com.



The Pirates of Lost Treasure seek Secret Santa sponsors

The Pirates of Lost Treasure, the Perdido Key based Mardi Gras krewe, is continuing its 25 year tradition of raising money for its Secret Santa program to provide a Merry Christmas to needy families. A member of the Pirates of Lost Treasure takes the parent shopping and spends \$100 on each child. Sometimes these are the only gifts these children receive and they often ask for things like shoes and coats. The Pirates usually help around 100 children annually. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to Pirates of Lost Treasure c/o Secret Santa 10447 Sorrento Road, Suite 100, PMB 76, Pensacola, FL 32507. Please make checks payable to PLT Secret Santa. Recipients are mostly referred to the program by Southwest Escambia County churches and schools, as well as word-of-mouth. For more info, contact Brian Young at perdidosecretsanta@gmail.com.

Pictured: The Pirates of Lost Treasure, in addition to participating in Mardi Gras parades, storm the Flora-Bama with a bead heavy and fan friendly flotilla up Ole River followed by a 'Bama bash every year. The 2024 flotilla will be the second without beloved charter member and late Flora-Bama owner Joe Gilchrist.



LuLu's Lighted Boat Parade begins at dusk on Dec. 9

LuLu's at Homeport Marina will again sponsor the LuLu's Lighted Boat Parade beginning at dusk on Saturday, Dec. 9. Celebrate the Holidays Gulf Coast style as the brightly decorated boats light the night along the Intracoastal Waterway from Lulu's to the Wharf and beyond. Boats will be visible along the canal from Gulf Shores or Orange Beach.



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Santa Paws Save Underdogs pet photos Dec. 3 on Perdido

Santa Paws 8th Annual Save Underdogs fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. at the Perdido Sports Bar on Perdido Key. Support SaveUnderdogs.com with your \$20 donation for professional pictures of your dog with Santa. This year the professional pictures will be emailed for printing. The event also includes a raffle, bake sale & Save Underdogs merchandise available for purchase. All donations go to SaveUnderdogs.com, a non-profit dedicated to rescue – rehabilitate & rehoming abused and abandoned dogs. Info: saveunderdogs.com or 850-582-8727. **Pictured:** Fun from the 2022 fundraiser.



Coastal Arts Center annual Light Up the Arts is Dec. 14

The Coastal Art Center's annual Light Up the Arts event will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, December 14. There will be hot glass, pottery demonstrations, raffles, cocoa, cookies, a gallery full of gift options with specials and a 2023 limited edition ornament. A wine bar provided by Friends of the Arts.

St. Margaret's 50th Christmas Bazaar Dec. 2 in parish hall

The 60th Annual St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Parish Christmas Bazaar in Foley is Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the parish center. Festivities include a bake sale, silent auction (streamed simultaneously online), local vendors, a 50/50 drawing, and a well stocked Thee Gift Shop (church vestibule & religious items). Santa Claus and his elves will also be at the bazaar, and tamales, hot dogs and burgers will also be for sale. And there will be and a raffle for a basket of cheer worth \$1000.

Proceeds benefit St. Benedict Catholic School, Catholic Social Services, Mary's Shelter, Family Promise, homeless programs and other charities. St. Margaret's is at the corner of Hwy. 98 West and Schumacher St. South at 600 W. Laurel Ave. in Foley.

Annual Soles4Souls shoe drive under way

The annual Soles4Souls shoe drive is underway in locations throughout Baldwin County, including The Caribe in Orange Beach. Businesses collect new and used shoes, and by partnering with S4S, they are then distributed to those in need and in poverty-stricken areas. Shoes go to shelters and communities in need and, help people in low-income communities to create sources of income.

Shoe donations are being accepted through the weekend of Dec 1 at the Caribe Resort's front gate, and in Foley at the Copper Kettle Tea Bar, 106 N Chicago St. Find other Baldwin County locations at soles4souls.org.

People can donate any type of shoe; they can be new or used, boots, heels, kids' shoes, sandals, etc.

Ice skating, Santa part of Wharf holiday experience

'Tis the season for holiday lights, joy and family t The Wharf in Orange Beach. The fun activities for all ages this season include the following attractions:

- Photos with Santa: Weekends thru Christmas Eve. Times vary by date; Wharf Store, Suite D118
- Ice Skating Rink presented by Pepsi thru Jan. 15; Times vary by date; under the large white tent near Main Street entrance
- Holiday SPECTRA Laser Light Experience thru Dec. 31; Main Street with timeless tunes and classic sing-alongs.
- Kids Confetti Drop, Dec. 31 from 10 am – 2 pm; Main Street & Palms Plaza; confetti will fall from the sky at noon. There will also be tons of fun kids' activities.
- Reelin' in the New Year from 5 p.m. – midnight on Dec. 31 at Main Street, Marlin Circle & Palms Plaza. The Park Band, midnight marlin drop and a fireworks finale.

More info about Christmas at The Wharf: visit alwharf.com.

Baldwin Pops holiday show Dec. 4 at Foley Civic Center

The Baldwin Pops Band will present an evening of Christmas music on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center (407 E Laurel Ave.) All band members share the enjoyment of playing their instruments, love of good music, and the desire to perform for appreciative audiences.

Jennifer Moore Foundation holiday poinsettia fundraiser

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation is celebrating the spirit of giving this holiday season with its annual poinsettia fundraiser. The funds raised through this event directly support impactful programs such as Peer Helpers PLUS, which assists in providing the necessary resources to ensure that every local youth has access to the support they need. Poinsettias are priced between \$18 and \$30. Grown at the Field in Bloom Nursery in Silverhill, these plants are a perfect addition to any holiday decoration. Delivery (Dec 5-8) is available for orders of 15 or more plants. All other orders can be picked up at Baldwin Mutual Insurance Company in Foley on Dec. 5. More info: jennifermoorefoundation.com.

Christmas Movie Night Dec. 15 on the Backcountry Trail

Christmas Movie Night at Al's Parkour Park on the Backcountry Trail will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Frosty The Snowman will be the featured movie. The Backcountry Trail Foundation and Orange Beach Coastal Resources Department will host the free event that will also include popcorn and hot chocolate. Park at the Sportsplex Trailhead, 4385 William Silvers Parkway.

Graham Creek Christmas Trail open Dec. 2, 9, 15, 16 & 17

The Graham Creek Christmas Trail will be open Dec. 2, 9, 15, 16 and 17 from 6-9 p.m. at the park's 23460 Wolf Bay Dr. location in Foley. The beloved event, now in its third year, is a local favorite and promises a night filled with enchantment for the whole family. Santa himself will be on-site every night from 6-9 p.m. ready to spread joy and take pictures with the children. Tickets are \$5 per person and children two and under are admitted free. More info: grahamcreekpreserve.org.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SANTA PUB CRAWL: The Lower Alabama Young Professionals Santa Pub Crawl returns to The Wharf for its fourth annual event the evening of Dec. 9 beginning at 7 p.m. at the POUR Smart Bar (Suite D-124). The Sandshaker (Suite D-130) will host the wrap party and costume contest at 10 p.m. Benefitting the Baldwin County chapter of Toys for Tots, the crawl has raised \$3,971 and five boxes of toys in its three year run and averages around 200 to 300 crawl participants. "It's always a blast and getting bigger and better each year," said Casey Buckner, Chairman of the LAYP group. Attendees (21 and up) are invited to dress up in their best Santa (or Christmas related) costume. Drink specials will be offered by the on-site bars and restaurants. Find the hidden elves at the crawl stops and win special prizes. Admission is \$15 or an unwrapped toy to benefit Toys for Tots. Pub Crawl tickets can be purchased in advance at mygulfcostchamber.com.

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Santa drops into 'Bama at noon on Dec. 9

The annual Flora-Bama Santa Drop will be on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at the beach and in the big tent at the world famous lounge on the state line. Santa will skydive onto the beach at noon and then head to the tent with his bag of goodies for free Santa pics. It doesn't matter how old you are, you can still sit on Santa's lap and ask for whatever you want. Prior to Santa's arrival, the 'Bama staff will coordinate kids crafts, games, face painting, juice and sweet treats. All for free. The 'Bama's possible-probable musicians will play live music featuring holiday tunes for the kiddos. Bring an unwrapped toy and receive a free drink card! For more info visit florabama.com.

John Milham, Kermit Ruffins Charlie Brown Christmas Dec. 9

Fairhope High grad John Milham and New Orleans legend Kermit Ruffins will lead the Joe Cool Trio for its 14th annual production of the family-friendly Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre in Mobile. The show features a full performance of Vince Guaraldi's A Charlie Brown Christmas. Don't miss the extraordinary talents of Ruffins, Milham and saxophonist Clarence Johnson as they bring timeless holiday tunes to life. Ticket purchases support the Child Advocacy Center of Mobile. Tickets are available at bit.ly/CharlieBrownJazzXmas or call 251-208-7381 for more info.

O.B. Animal Control Pet Angel Tree in police dept. lobby

Orange Beach Animal Control is holding a Pet Angel Tree at the Orange Beach Police Department! The angel tree will benefit animals in the care of Orange Beach Animal Control, which has been handling record numbers this year. The tree is up now in the lobby of the Police Department at 4480 Orange Beach Blvd. Stop by and see how you can help our furry friends in need. For questions or more information, email talong@orangebeachal.gov.

Tinsel Trail through Christmas in O.B.

The Garner C. Tampary Memorial Foundation will host a Merry Memories Tinsel Trail through Christmas on the shared lawn of Orange Beach Waterfront Park and the Coastal Arts Center. The Tinsel Trail is a holiday display of live Christmas trees. (Trees are provided and can be reserved. All proceeds benefiting the Christian Service Center.

Robertsdale Christmas Parade is December 2

The City of Robertsdale's annual Christmas Parade and party at Honeybee Park will be held on Dec. 2 beginning with the 6:30 p.m. parade. The parade will begin at Robertsdale High School and end at Honeybee Park.

Summerdale Christmas Dec. 9 at Pioneer Park

The Summerdale Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer Park on Saturday, Dec. 9. The parade begins on 4th street, and will travel Broadway, NW 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park. The town's annual Christmas at Pioneer Park precedes the parade beginning at 1 p.m. Visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments, live music, bouncy houses and a plethora of other children's activities. For more info, visit summerdaleal.com or call (251) 989-6202 ext. 3.

Silverhill Christmas Parade slated Dec. 1

The Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Join Santa at the sleigh after the parade for free pictures. Food trucks will be conveniently located at the gazebo. Parade participants need to check in with float at Silverhill Community Center. Come a little early and enjoy live Christmas music.

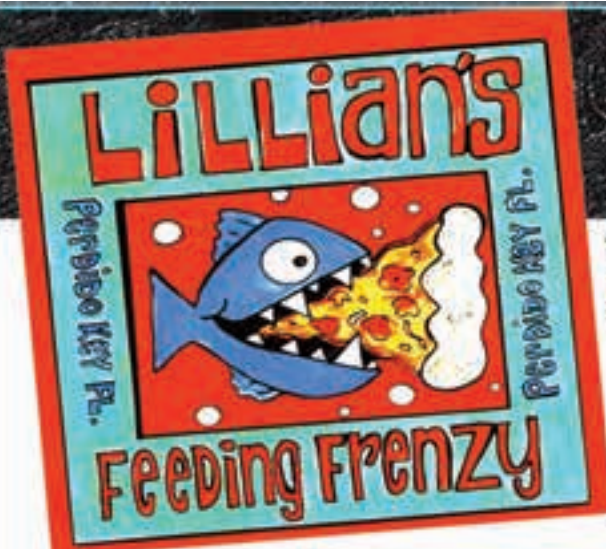


Very Merry Coastal Grinchmas Dec. 10 & 17

This year, the Gulf State Park Very Merry Coastal Grinchmas will be held on consecutive Sundays, Dec. 10 & Dec. 17, from 5-8 p.m. at the Learning Campus and Woodside Restaurant, located at 20249 State Park Road. One of the island's most popular Christmas events, Grinchmas is a free holiday jubilee the whole family will enjoy.

Bring the family out to stroll Whoville under the lights at the Learning Campus at Gulf State Park! You can meet and greet the Grinch and the Mayor of Whoville, dance with a DJ, get a “Who”-do at the beauty parlor, enjoy some “Who”-treats, make an ornament, send Santa Grinch a letter, check out your favorite book at the Whoville Library, decorate cookies at Woodside Restaurant and Send Santa Grinch a letter at the Whoville Post Office. Make an ornament at the Whoville Workshop, enjoy holiday cakes at the Whoville Pancake House and lots of games and family fun. **Pictured:** Fun at the 2022 Grinchmas.





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GSHS hosts 5A semifinal Dec. 1; winner will play for state title in T-town

And then there were four.

The top ranked AHSAA Class 5A Gulf Shores High School football team took one step closer to an undefeated season and the school's first state championship with a 35-14 win over Headland at Headland's J.J. Yarbrough Stadium on Nov. 24.

The unbeaten Dolphins (13-0) host Eufaula on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Mickey Blackwell Stadium on County Rd. 6 for the right to travel to Tuscaloosa the following weekend for the state Class 5A championship game. Eufaula edged Demopolis 20-17 on Nov. 24 to earn their slot in the semis.

Guntersville (12-1) travels to Birmingham to play Ramsay (11-2) in the other semifinal. Ramsay defeated Moody 40-27, and Guntersville scored a 31-21 victory over Pleasant Grove in the quarterfinals.

The Super 7 State Championships will be played at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa beginning Dec. 6 with the flag football girls' tournament finals. All state championship games will be broadcast live on Alabama Public Television.

Headland, like Gulf Shores, was also playing in the state quarterfinals for the first time in school history.

GSHS limited the Ram offense to 112 yards through three shutout quarters before the Rams rallied late to finish with 253 yards. The speedy Dolphin defense sacked Headland quarterback Jaxon Williams five times and forced two intentional grounding penalties.

The Dolphins took control of the game early, scoring on three of four first-half possessions to build a 21-0 halftime lead. Will Langston added the point after on each of the touchdown. The Dolphins drove 79 yards in 11 plays for their first score, with running back Kolin Wilson scoring on

a 6-yard run behind the left side of the line.

Headland's only threat before the game was decided came on a first quarter turnover that gave the home team the ball on the Dolphin 40. The Dolphins eventually took over on downs after the Rams advanced to the Gulf Shores 12 yard line.

Gulf Shores quarterback Jud Harris pitched the ball to North Carolina State commitment Ronnie Royal on a reverse for a 26-yard TD run for the second GSHS touchdown. Gulf Shores capitalized on a short field from the Headland 30 yard line after stuffing a 4th-and-2 fake punt for their third score. Receiver Braden Jackson stepped inside a defender and made a leaping catch in the end zone to complete a 30-yard TD pass from Harris 2:42 before halftime.

The Dolphins added another touchdown in the third quarter on a 2-yard Royal run up the middle that capped a five-play, 43-yard drive that included a 30-yard run to the 4 yard line by Royal. Soph Jamichael Garrett forced a fumble recovered by senior Isaiah Hammac to set up the score. The visitors increased their lead to 35-0 with 5:49 left in the game when Royal scored again on a 30-yard reverse.

The Rams scored twice in the final three minutes, including a TD with 17 seconds left.

Dolphin sophomore Landon Everett made nine tackles and senior Kingston Lowe had four sacks and five tackles for loss. Junior Carter Byrd contributed seven tackles. The Dolphin defense forced two intentional grounding penalties.

Wilson rushed for 153 yards on 14 carries and Royal 106 yards on 12 carries. It marked the 11th time this season that Wilson ran for more than 100 yards. Gulf Shores has scored at least 35 points in eight consecutive games.

OBHS football coach Jamey Dubose retires

Orange Beach High School head football coach Jamey Dubose is retiring after two years at Orange Beach, according to Orange Beach superintendent Randy Wilkes.

"Orange Beach City Schools appreciates coach Dubose and his efforts. He has demonstrated and emphasized character above all else. He has worked closely with parents and has successfully mentored present and past students and colleagues. His drive and determination are extraordinary as is his knowledge of the game, organization of practice and ability to motivate. He will always be welcome on the Mako sideline and in our schools," Wilkes stated.

Dubose posted 8-3 and led the Makos to the play-offs in his first year. The team, with only three returning starters, posted a 1-8 record this past fall. Dubose began his head coaching career at Susan Moore where he was 10-11 in two seasons (2002-03). He then led the Prattville program for four seasons, going 45-10 in that time (2008-11) and winning state championships in 2008 and 2001.

From 2012-13 he was head coach at Florence, posting a 16-8 record, then took over at Central-Phenix City (2014-19) where he was 66-11, winning the state title in 2018, reaching the title game again in 2019 and reaching the state semifinals in 2015, 2016 and 2017. He went 20-5 as head coach at Lowndes, Ga., High School for two seasons (2020-21).

WED, NOV 29

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Ashley Raines: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- JB Dyess: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Wes Loper: 8; The Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Jeremy Perkins: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.

- Nigel & Company Jam: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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.

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- 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: 8:30-10 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.

THU, NOV 30

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- 3rd annual Visions of Christmas: 7; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.
- Troi Atkinson: 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Elaine Petty: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Piano Bar: 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.
- Jason Abel: 10; 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.
- Gulf Shores Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 8am; every Thursday; South Campus; (251) 968-2411.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.
- Al-Non: noon; Perdido Bay Community Center; 13660 Innerarity Rd., Pensacola

FRI, DEC 1

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Strutt Douglas: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Matt Erdman: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
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Drop off days at Southern Rapid Care Weight Loss Clinic (4223 Orange Beach Blvd in the Orange Beach Medical Arts Building) are Dec. 4-5. Please drop gowns off cleaned and in good condition.

Then come and shop on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Southern Rapid Care Weight Loss Clinic. Dressing rooms and mirrors are provided!

Bring your ball attire (tuxedos too) and keep 90 percent of the profit from the sale, with the other 10 percent earmarked for Sirens of the Sea Mardi Gras Krewe charities.

Free GED classes at CACC Gulf Shores starting in Dec.

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NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship in Foley 10 teams competing for slots in Dec. 4 title game at Sportsplex

Ten NAIA women's soccer teams from across the country are in Foley to compete in the 40th Annual NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship. The community is invited to come out to the Foley Sports Tourism Championship Stadium and cheer on collegiate women's soccer teams from across the country as they compete for the tourney crown. Top seed William Carey and 2nd seed Spring Arbor are favored to meet in the final. Single-day passes are \$9.95, and the championship match will be on ESPN3.

Opening round games were played at sites across the country. First round championship round matches started Nov. 27 and culminate with the title tilt on Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.. The quarterfinal matches are Thursday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The semifinals will be played on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

In round of 16 games played Nov. 27 included Keiser vs. top seeded William Carey, John Brown vs. Aquinas, Hastings vs. Central Michigan and Benedictine vs. Tennessee Southern. On Nov. 28, Bethel played Spring Arbor, Life played Truett-McConnell, Quaz played Cumberlands, and Hope International played Cumberland/TN.

This will be the 11th time in the last 12 years that Orange Beach or Foley have hosted the tourney. Spring Harbor beat Marion 1-0 to win their third national title in 2022 in Orange Beach. Tennessee Southern beat William Carey in a penalty kick shoot-out to win the 2021 title in Orange Beach. Keiser defeated William Carey 2-1 in overtime for the 2020 title in Foley. This year's championship field included 27 automatic qualifiers and 13 at-large selections.

Rolling Stones will play New Orleans Jazz Fest

The Rolling Stones, who had to cancel their appearance at The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival in 2019, have announced that they will play the 2024 Jazz Fest on Thursday, May 2, the only festival appearance on their Hackney Diamonds tour. Tickets and VIP packages go on sale on Dec. 1. The tour is in support of the band's first album of original material in almost 20 years. The album has reached #1 in more than 18 countries.

The 2024 Jazz Fest is scheduled for April 25-28 and May 2-5, and will return to an eight-day run. The complete music lineup for the 2024 Jazz Fest will be announced in January.

The Rolling Stones will headline Thursday, May 2, which will require the purchase of a second weekend 4-day wristband or a day-specific ticket (pending availability). May 2 will have a limited capacity and tickets are expected to sell quickly.

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. CT at nojazzfest.com. The 4-day General Admission (GA), a new GA+, and VIP packages will all be available for both weekends. An account with AXS.com will be required for purchase.

Formed in 1962, the Rolling Stones are one of the most influential and enduring bands in the history of rock and roll, with hits ranging from "Start Me Up," to "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

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• High Cotton; 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
• Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
• Davo: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
• Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerarity Point.
• Guided Pier Walk: 9-10 a.m.; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
• Open Mic: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
• Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
• Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
• First Friday Art Walk: 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
• T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.
• Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

SAT, DEC 2

• Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
• Gypsy Pearl: 9; The Office; Foley.
• Ronnie Pressley: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
• Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Breakfast W. Santa: 8-11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Lunch w. Reindeer: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• High Cotton; 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
• City Rhythm Big Band Christmas Dance: 2-5 p.m.; The Loxley Civic Center; \$15 per person.
• 3rd annual Visions of Christmas: 7; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.
• 3rd annual Visions of Christmas: 2; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
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• Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope..
• Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

SUN, DEC 3

• Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
• Brooks Johnson: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
• Strictly Rivers: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Mike Estep: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Brent Varner: 11 a.m.; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
• Skins Game Tournament: 1 p.m.; Orange Beach Golf Center; 251-981-GOLF (4653).
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
• Sunday Potluck: 12-2; Fraternal Order or Eagles Lodge; Hwy 98, east of Beach Express; 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, DEC 4

• Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
• Orange Beach Community Center Potluck: 6 p.m.; all welcome; Orange Beach Community Center.
• Brent Burns: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
• Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama;



LILLIAN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The Optimist Club of Perdido held its Annual Community Thanksgiving Service on November 12 at this year's host church St. Joseph Catholic Church of Lillian, AL. Participants enjoyed a great worship lead by the St. Joseph Choir and Filipino Charismatic Community Choir. This year's participating clergy are pictured from left to right: Rev. Daniel W Randall, Lillian Methodist Church; Rev. Rick Long, The Gathering Church; Rev. Bryan Mack, New Mt. Marriah Baptist Church; Father Alwin Legaspi, St. Joseph Catholic Church; Rev. Tina Lockett, Episcopal Church of the Advent; Dodd Bouchillon, President of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay; Rev. Dean Conkel, Lillian Fellowship Church and Rev. Greg Brown, Bayside Baptist Church. Father Alwin Legaspi of St. Joseph Catholic Church shared a meaningful message about returning to Jesus to give thanks for all He has done for us based on the 10 lepers that were healed and only one returned to give thanks. A wonderful fellowship followed with refreshments provided by the members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. To learn more about all the events and programs provided by the Optimist Club of Perdido visit the Optimist website at OptimistClubPB.org.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next Skins Game Tourney at O.B. Golf Center is Dec. 3

The Orange Beach Golf Center will hold its second Skins Game Tournament of the season on Sunday, Dec. 3, and continue on the first Sunday of each month through April, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The public is welcome. Cost is \$25 for members and non-members and covers closest-to-the-pin competitions and the entry fee. Registration starts at noon. More info: call 251-981-GOLF (4653). A hole-in-one, which pays \$250. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served prior to the tournament. The Orange Beach Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy St., off of Canal Road. The 9-Hole, Par-3 Course is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the lighted Driving Range is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 251-981-GOLF (4653).

Perdido Beach Resort Half Marathon, 5K, Fun Run is March 2

The new year will bring a new racing event to Pleasure Island, as Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach will host the March 2 Perdido Beach Resort Half Marathon, Fun Run and 5k to help raise funds for local charity, The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation. Post race activities include a bubbles on the beach brunch with champagne and fun brunch stations to curb participants' post race appetites. Registration opens on Nov. 20. More info: jennifermoorefoundation.com.

Baldwin County transfers Baldwin Beach Express to ALDOT

The Baldwin County Commission has transferred its portions of several county-owned roadways the Baldwin Beach Express, Foley Beach Express, Roscoe Road and County Road 4 to the ownership and maintenance of ALDOT.

Developed and maintained by Baldwin County over a period of many years, the corridors will now be maintained by ALDOT, making them part of a cohesive roadway network to Alabama's Gulf Coast beaches. This agreement is another example of the continued cooperation between the Baldwin County Commission and ALDOT. More info: baldwincountyal.gov.

Foley will clear four acres for park in newly annexed Mills

Work is starting on Foley's newest park and other improvements in the newly annexed Mills Community. The city is clearing four acres of wooded property in the newly annexed Mills Community, which will become Foley's newest park. Mills residents voted in August to approve annexation into Foley. The city has put up 55 lights on some Mills streets and city crews are working with Baldwin County to make the transition to municipal garbage collection.

At a recent meeting with Mills residents, Foley City Councilman Rick Blackwell said the work to clear the park site will improve visibility and provide a space for children to play.

"The location of the park now is central to this new annexation. I think it's the ideal place. They're getting ready to mow it, they're going to go out there and mow it and we're going to be able to go out there and look around," Blackwell said.

Wayne Dyess, executive director for infrastructure and development, said the added lights will make the area safer for children playing in the area.

"We want visibility in there too so if your kids are playing. If you can see it from the road, then the police or people around there can see anything going on there that shouldn't be going on," Dyess told Mills residents.

GlenLakes Golf Club Winter 2-Player Invitational is Dec. 9-10

Foley's GlenLakes Golf Club will host its annual Winter 2-Player Invitational Dec. 9-10. The entry fee is \$120 per team and play starts at 8:30 a.m. both days in men's, women's and coed divisions. Players must have handicap or verification. Parent-Junior teams and couples teams are eligible. Cart fee is not included. Entry deadline is Dec. 6 and play is limited to 60 teams. For more info, call David Musial, PGA General Manager, GlenLakes Golf Club, 25

Foley Elks host free foul shot contest on Dec. 9

Foley Elks Lodge #2782 will host the The Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Florence B. Mathis Elementary School Gym in Foley starting at 9 a.m. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 8-13. Competitors must be no older than 13 on April 1, 2018. Trophies will be awarded in each age group: Boys 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 and Girls 8-9, 10-11 and 13-14. Winners in each group advance to the district contest in Bessemer. Contact Chairman Bill Ruschmeyer at 251-213-1991 or billrusch@live.com for more info.

New restrooms at Foley's Aaronville City Park

The Foley municipal park in Aaronville is set to receive significant upgrades, including the installation of new restroom facilities. The Foley City Council has green lit a capital project aimed at enhancing the park's amenities.

The process of acquiring and installing the new structure is expected to take approximately six months. The existing restroom facilities will be replaced with a new building equipped with modern amenities like steel doors, lavatories, water closets, a water heater, hand dryers, floor drains, exhaust fans, stainless-steel mirrors, and baby changing stations.

The new prefabricated restrooms in the park will be fully accessible, complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. They are also expected to need fewer repairs and less maintenance.

Replacing older facilities with prefabricated structures across various parks allows the city to standardize its services and maintenance procedures, enhancing overall efficiency, according to city officials.

Perdido Key.

- DJ Hank: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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, DEC 5

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Karaoke/Bingo: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Ancient Aviators Meeting: 8:30; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores; all are welcome.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- South Baldwin Newcomers Club: 11; various restaurants. Meeting/lunch/guest speaker. Info: SouthBaldwinNewcomers.com.
- 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.

12 luxury Perdido Key gulf front townhomes approved

Escambia County has approved plans for 12 multi-million dollar townhomes on a 3-acre beachfront parcel at 16557 Perdido Key Dr. in Perdido Key. According to the developer's website (krystalkeybeachhomes.com), the townhomes are 2,700 square feet to 3,200 square feet in size, and list for between \$3.5 million and \$2.5 million. Five of the 12 townhomes have already sold. Amenities include a boardwalk to the beach and a pool. According to the Escambia County Property Appraiser's Dept., developers paid \$2.24 million for the parcel in 2021.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

2024 budget projects revenues to be \$66.4 million

By John Mullen

Orange Beach is considering accepting an offer from CGI Digital to make showcase videos of the city to promote the town. And, the price, if the city council votes to accept the offer at the Dec. 5 meeting, is free.

"They will go out to the community businesses for sponsorships," Special Projects Coordinator Marc Anderson said. "They'll do like a welcome video and three other videos highlighting the city. I'm thinking quality of life, public safety, education are the big ones we support a lot."

After council approval, CGI will work with the city to schedule a time for doing the video work.

"We'll have a voice of all the editing and things like that and just kind of a positive thing," Anderson said. "They reached out to us based on our demographics and felt like we'd be a good fit. It fits the mold for them and it's a positive thing all around."

Anderson said the company has worked with more than 5,000 communities across the U.S.

During the Nov. 7 meeting Council finalized the budget for the 2024 fiscal year. The budget projects \$66.4 million in revenues from a variety of taxes or \$5 million more than projected in the 2022 budget. Council approved the budget to include the transfer of special revenue funds to the general fund for special revenue fund projects.

Council also authorized a contract with Socialize Your Bizness for social media consulting and marketing services for \$1,800 a month.

During regular session, the council:

- Awarded the bid for a fieldhouse for the high school softball and baseball teams to Rolin Construction for \$1.8 million.
- Passed a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the South Alabama Purchasing Association.
- OK'd a resolution authorizing an amended implementation agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Coastal Alabama Sea Turtle Triage Restoration Project. This amendment will make the project cost \$860,000 by adding \$80,000 for contingencies, according to the agenda.
- Established dates for the Municipal Court for 2024. Court will be in session every second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Declared certain personal property owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of such property. The lot includes seven vehicles and two wave runners.
- Authorized a change order with R&B Contracting Company for the sewer force main from Canal Road to CR-12 Project in an amount not to exceed \$80,722.
- Authorized an employee assistance program agreement with New Directions Behavioral Health.
- Postponed approval of the fiscal year 2024 annual budget until the Dec. 5 council meeting.
- Authorized a mutual aid agreement with Med-Star EMS, for the Fire Department.

- Authorized the purchase of stop-loss insurance for the City of Orange Beach in 2024. If passed, this would put a cap on major medical claim exposure at \$200,000 per claim.

- Approved a one-time payment to employees for future services with different amounts for full-time and part-time employees and recent hires.

- Authorized the city to have community events during 2024 including the city Mardi Gras parade, the Art Festival, Seafood Fest at the Wharf, Freedom Fest at the Wharf, the City Christmas Tree Lighting at the Wharf and school community events.

- Appointed members to the city's employees' leave bank. Chandler Dick and Joe Brown will each serve two years starting on Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31, 2025, replacing current members Jesse Hollingsworth and Nick Bryant. Permanent members are City Administrator Ford Handley and Human Resources Director Vicki Pishna.

- Signed the annual contract with Bob Riley and Associates for lobbying services in Montgomery for the city at a cost of \$10,000 per month plus expenses.

- Signing the annual contract with Van Socyoc Associates for lobbying services on federal issues involving the city at a cost of \$6,000 monthly plus expenses.

- Authorized a contract with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance to appropriate \$12,500 for 2024 to help with the group's work in south Baldwin County.

- Making a payment to the Gulf Shores Airport Authority of \$75,000 an increase from \$35,000.

- Signed a performance contract with Coastal Ballet Academy to provide a venue for performances at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.

- Extended the entertainment districts at The Wharf and SanRoc Cay Marina/Perdido Beach Resort until Dec. 31, 2024.

During Nov. 7 work/regular sessions, Council:

- Awarded the bid for the interior build out of the Wildlife Center and Trail Maintenance Shop for \$720,000 to Rolin Construction. RESTORE Act funding will pay for \$624,450 of the cost.

- Awarded the bid for a blower package for the Utilities Department to Jim House & Associates in the amount of \$178,200.

- Approved a contract with Lexipol to update the Orange Beach Fire Department's policy manual for \$41,490.

- Authorized the purchase of a fortified lifeguard tower from Bausch Enterprises for \$88,810 to be used on east of Perdido Pass.

- Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of an ambulance for the fire department through the H-GAC purchasing cooperative from Southern Emergency Consultants in the amount of \$405,954.

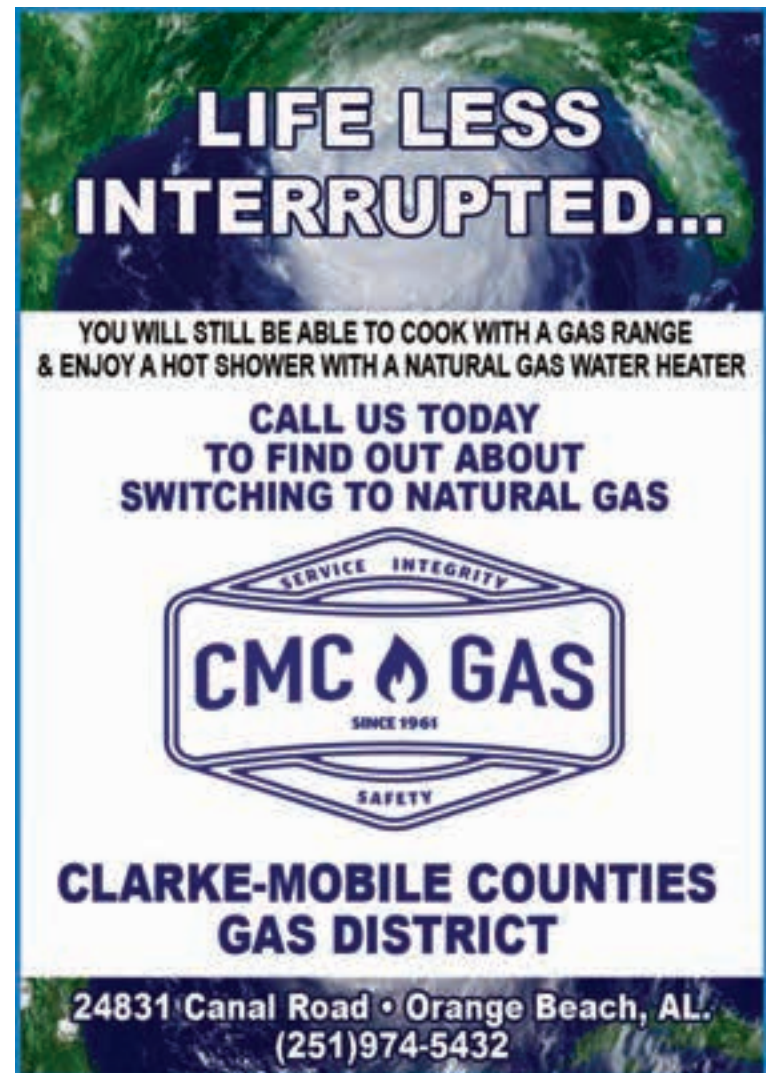
- Allowed an ordinance change in The Wharf's planned unit development to allow for the building of a Culver's Restaurant on the northwest corner of Canal Road and Wharf Parkway East.

WED, DEC 6

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Brent Varner: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Jeremy Perkins: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Bingo w. Lisa Christian: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Bingo w. Tim Roberts: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's;

Foley.

- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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 City 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: 8:30-10 a.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th



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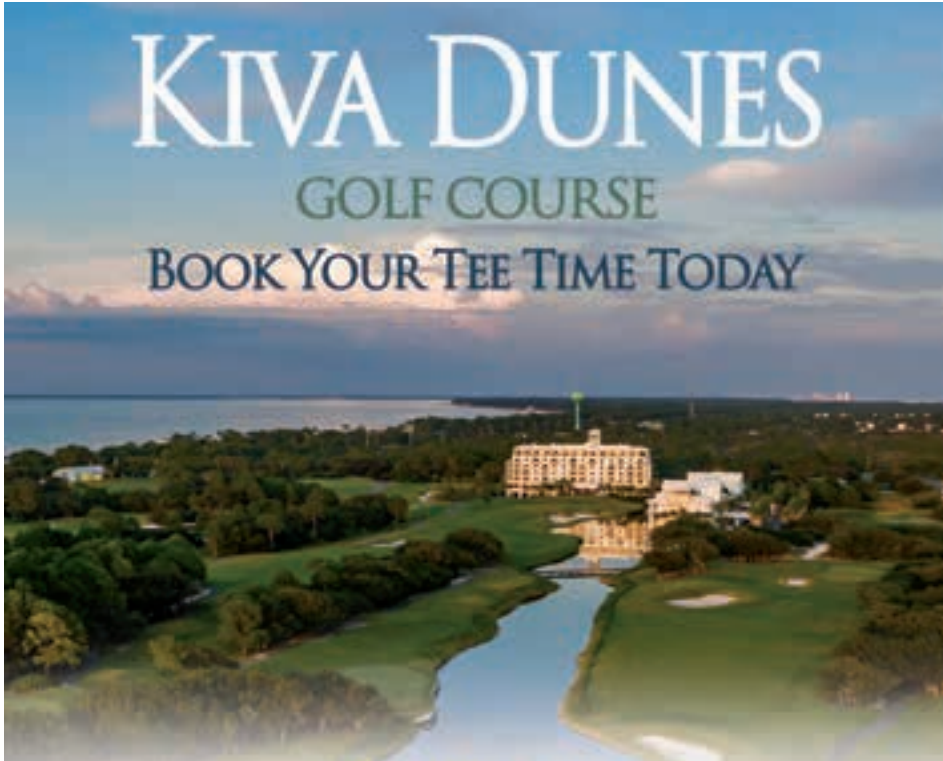
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



City of Orange Beach recognizes its own and Chef Brody Olive

The City of Orange Beach recently recognized outstanding employees as well as Executive Chef Brody Olive of Perdido Beach Resort for outstanding contributions to the city. Olive won the 2023 Great American Seafood Cook-Off in New Orleans. A graduate of Johnson & Wales, Olive is the Executive Chef at Perdido Beach Resort, where he oversees all food and beverage operations across five restaurants. His culinary creations are a testament to his deep appreciation for the Gulf Coast's rich flavors, vibrant colors, and laid-back ambiance. "With his unwavering commitment to excellence, ethical practices, remarkable skill, and boundless passion, he has brought in a new wave of culinary innovation and elevated the dining experience for locals and visitors," the city's proclamation read. His other culinary accolades include being named the Alabama Restaurant Assn. Chef of the Year in 2020, and Grand Tasting and People's Choice Awards at the Wharf Uncorked.

Police Chief Steve Brown presented Suzie Flowers with the 2023 OBPD Employee of the Year award. "She has worn several different hats for the police department, dispatch, corrections and now she keeps our facility in top-notch shape and does nice little things for employees on a daily basis that she doesn't seek any recognition for. But we wanted to recognize her for that," said Chief Brown.

The City also recognized utilities dept. employee, retired U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Gary T. Burroughs, for receiving the Armed Forces' Purple Heart. The program listed a biography for Sgt. Burroughs served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "During a PSD assignment heading to the 1/11 Fire Base, Fiddler's Green, outside of Marjah in Helmand Province Afghanistan, Cpl Burroughs vehicle was struck by an IED. Cpl Burroughs was taken to Camp Leatherneck where he was given medical treatment to assess any wounds from the blast. Sgt Burroughs received the Navy and Marine Achievement Medal for his efforts in assisting his unit with over 150 missions.

Also, Orange Beach recently presented its Police Officer of the Year award to Cpl. Dillen Malone and Firefighter of the Year David Gant. Both first responders were recognized at the annual Orange Beach Community Assn. potluck and first-responder appreciation night at the Community Center. **Pictured:** (clockwise from top left) David Gant, Dillen Malone, Gary T. Burroughs, Suzie Flowers, & Chief Brown, Brody Olive.

Holmes Medical Museum seeks baby pics from locals

The staff at Holmes Medical Museum in Foley is looking for baby pictures from hundreds of Foley residents born between 1936 and 1958 at the hospital on the second floor of the brick building at the southwest corner of Laurel Avenue and McKenzie Street.

Museum staff is seeking baby pictures of the children delivered at the site or by the doctors or nurses who worked there.

The Sibley Holmes Memorial Hospital was the first hospital in Baldwin County. It closed in 1958 when South Baldwin Hospital, now South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, opened.

The Medical Museum is creating a Baby Wall that will feature pictures of those born at the hospital. For example, one photograph already provided to the museum is that of football legend Kenny Stabler, who was born at the hospital in 1945.

Pictures can be dropped off at the museum from Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or mailed to Holmes Medical Museum 111 West Laurel Ave., Foley AL 36535.

The hospital was established by Dr. W.C. "Buddy" Holmes and his wife, Philomene, who was also a nurse, in 1936. The hospital was named for Dr. Sibley Holmes, the father of W.C. Holmes, who died in 1933.

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, DEC 7

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Josh Newcom: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Tim Robinson: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Wes Loper: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Elaine Petty: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke/DJ w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Gulf Shores Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 8am; every Thursday; South Campus; (251) 968-2411.
- Grief Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

FRI, DEC 8

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Strutt Douglas: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- John Keuler: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- JB Dyess: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Les Linton: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Jessie Taylor: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Davo: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- Guided Pier Walk: 9-10 a.m.; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- 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, DEC 9

- Opera "Florencia En el Amazons" by Daniel Catan, in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, 11:55 am, at



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

Pecan Squares

2 cups flour
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 cup cold unsalted BUTTER, cut up (no margarine)
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 (7.5 ounce) package almond brickle chips
1 cup chopped pecans
Combine flour and powdered sugar in a medium bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender until crumbly. Press mixture evenly into a greased 13x9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Combine condensed milk and remaining 4 ingredients, pour over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden. Cool, cut into squares. Yield: 4 dozen
Note: can use Bits 'O Brickle;
can use a fork instead of a pastry blender...takes longer
Enjoy!

Bob Baumhower back in South Baldwin with Victory Grill

Head fry cook Bob Baumhower, whose previous restaurants included popular bistros Mangos and Calyso Joe's at Orange Beach Marina and three popular eateries at The Wharf in Orange Beach, has returned to South Baldwin with the newest location of Baumhower's Victory Grille, which will open on Dec. 5 at the Tanger Outlets in Foley. The new restaurant will be the largest in the Baumhower's portfolio and include a central bar, local sports memorabilia and a large outdoor seating area with TVs. The restaurant will also include arcade type games and a custom-turf cornhole field and a party room with audio/visual options, will be available to host private parties or sports teams. A former Alabama football All-American and All-Pro Miami Dolphin, Baumhower opened his first Victory Grill in 1981. A Fairhope resident, his offices are in Loxley. His Victory Grills have won numerous high-profile awards, including recently being ranked best chicken wings in Alabama.

Knife making competition Dec. 9 at Battleship Park

The Blacksmith Experience 3rd Annual Knife Making Competition at The USS Alabama Battleship Park on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event features former contestants from the History Channel TV Show, Forged in Fire. Knives will be made of steel from the USS Texas and wood from the USS Alabama. There is a \$5 suggested admission to enter that also registers event participants to win one of the knives being made that day. This is a fundraiser for the Non-Profit Organization "Forging A Difference" which uses blacksmithing and knife making to serve Veterans, Active Duty, Law Enforcement, and First Responders. More info: ForgingADifference.com or 251.525.6274.



Susan Momborg McCollough Fine Arts Initiative at U of A

The University of Alabama Department of Art and Art History is proud to present the inaugural exhibition of The Susan Momborg McCollough Fine Arts Initiative - A University of Alabama Biennial Event, Oct. 6 through Dec. 1 at The University of Alabama Gallery in the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center in Tuscaloosa. The new juried exhibition features the artwork of current UA studio art majors alongside the work of UA art alumni.

"A common challenge for new artists is finding a venue in which to exhibit. We want to create a way to streamline that process and enable them to show in a respected venue," said McCollough, whose home and gallery are in Gulf Shores.

"We also want to provide current and past UA art students the opportunity to interact and learn from each other's knowledge and experiences."

The initiative will grow to include academic lectures and workshops conducted by UA faculty and internationally known art experts and instructors. Works will be exhibited both within galleries located on the University's extended campus, as well as in other closely aligned venues, with prizes awarded for most outstanding works.

McCollough has a deep history with the University; it is where her journey in the art world began. She studied with the late UA art professors Alvin Sella and Frank Engel and received her bachelor's degree in theatre and art in 1966. In addition, while a student, she was elected Miss University of Alabama. McCollough went on to study with Max Hellman at the Birmingham Museum of Art, Gary Sussman at the Art Students League of New York, and Sonia De Franceschi of the Accademia D'Arte in Florence, Italy. In 2017, McCollough was named Artist of the Year by the award-winning art magazine, ArtTour International. She recently completed a master workshop under Michael Mentler and his Society of Figurative Arts.

For more info about The Susan N. McCollough Gallery, call 251-948-9696 email susanmccolloughart@aol.com or visit susanmccolloughart.media. **Pictured:** McCollough with husband Dr. Gaylon McCollough, a renowned plastic surgeon and former Alabama All-SEC Tide football player.

Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
• Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; 251-968-2823.
• Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, OCT 26

• Meeting of the Minds Parthead Gathering; Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Perdido Key; motm.rocks/schedule.
• Movies At Meyer Park - School of Rock: 6; Meyer Park; Gulf Shores.
• Levi Shanks 6; American Legion Pst 199; Fairhope.
• Pensacola Interstate Fair: Pensacola Fairgrounds; pensacolafair.com.
• Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.

• Alan and Ashley: 5; Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
• Brandon Giles: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
• Unfortunate Sons: 7; The SanBar; Orange Beach.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
• Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
• Elaine Petty: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
• Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
• Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
• Karaoke: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
• Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.



MORE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR FOLEY'S KIDS PARK:

More improvements are planned Foley's Kids Park, which reopened in May after \$1.2-million in new construction. A new pavilion and restrooms are part of plans for improvements at Max Griffin Park. The city is going out for bids to rebuild the pavilion located next to the Kids Park site. The Kids Park reopened earlier this year after being rebuilt at a cost of \$1.2 million. The pavilion will provide shade and shelter for visitors to the site. The work includes minor grading, pouring a concrete pad and sidewalk, moving the existing pavilion to the new location and installing new support posts needed to meet building code requirements.

The new Kids Park opened May 27, replacing the facility that had been in place since 2001. After the reopening, the city replaced the fence around the site. The city is also adding new restrooms near the Kids Park site. The city plans to replace the municipal swimming pool near the Kids Park with a new facility by the 2025 fiscal year.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

As November comes an end we find ourselves deeper in the grip of fall like weather and fishing trends. More frequent and powerful cold fronts have brought more rain, though we remain in a severe drought.

Such strong systems are typically followed by a few chilly nights and days. Still no telling exactly when we will see the first freeze of the year along the coast, how long that will stick around, or how it will affect the fishing in the weeks ahead. The Gulf water temperature is flirting with 70 degrees, while inshore bay waters are almost entirely in the 60s. That means most of the menhaden and

a lot of the mullet have moved out of the bays and into the Gulf where they are being pursued by schools of hungry bull redfish. Consequently the action seen at the point near Fort Morgan is a bit less frequent now. Though bottom fishing action is still a viable option with more large red and black drum patrolling the surfzone. Here's a tip: those pesky speckled swimming crabs that eat your bait in the surf make fine bait for the drumfish, and they taste great too.

Pompano fishing, or rather catching has been hit or miss recently as is usually the case during the fall run. Some days are more productive than others due to weather and or water conditions including surf height and tide phase. Not only is the tide moving a factor that influences the beach bite on a day to day basis, but the amount and timing of the tide differential has a huge influence on fish movements and feeding patterns all over the vicinity. That tide differential will be least in the days preceding and following the next NEAP tide of December 6th.

Most anglers targeting pompano use double drop pompano rigs on long rods (9 to 12 feet) with 5000 to 6000 size reels and 20 to 30 pound braided line. Often the bait is fresh dead shrimp with or without Fishbites or Fishgum as a supplement. Sometimes just the synthetic bait strip is used because soft organic bait won't stay on the hook long and it perhaps cuts down on the casting distance. This is especially true when the surf is particularly rough, making heavier weights necessary. But when the Gulf is calm pompano tend to ignore such offerings. But they will fall for a more stealthy presentation on a single drop rig, Fishfinder rig or Carolina rig. In fact a ghost shrimp threaded onto a #4 kahle hook presented on the bottom is an ideal way to tempt wary pompano in calm, clear water. Just be sure to secure the ghost shrimp on the hook with a bit of Magic Thread, available at any local bait shop.

Wave size is another factor influencing beach fishing as breaking waves help create feeding zones for target species like pompano, whiting, and drum (red or black) on the back side of sandbars.

Recent storms have changed the bottom structure in many locations forcing anglers to scout around for better fishing spots. Another factor influencing beach fishing has been the ongoing beach dredging operation in Gulf Shores. Some beach anglers in west and east Gulf Shores will be displaced by the "beach renourishment project" through this fortnight. Areas in the vicinity of active pumping are cordoned off and the extent of pipe laid along the beach may impede

egress to anglers pulling a cart. So it benefits those fishing affected areas to keep up on the latest progress of this project online at olsen-associates.com/gsob.

Fishing the Alabama Point seawall or jetty at Perdido Pass in Orange Beach is easier around NEAP tide days (Dec. 6th) because the current does not run near as strong as during the week before and after. More structure loving sheepshead should be showing up around the pass as the water cools off, and that helps slow down the pinfish which terrorize fisherman's baits. Small to medium sized live shrimp drifted in the current with just a splitshot or two works well for sheepshead, plus other fish, in a slow current. Sight fishing sheepshead feeding on rocks with fiddler crabs can be quite effective then too. Whenever the current is running stronger, you will need to add more weight and that increases the risk of getting hung up in the rocks. Noting the location between the edge of the rocks and clear sand can help keep you out of trouble with a slowly creeping bottom presentation. Use a small single hook like a #6 All Purpose or Kahle for fewer hangups. And use leader material with slightly less breaking strength than your main line, so if your hook does get hung on a rock you can break the leader and save your weight and swivel. All you have to do is tie on a new hook or piece of leader line to get back in the game for a fraction of the time and expense. Everybody fishing there with weights gets hung up sooner or later. But like one old timer said "If you are sheepshead fishing and not getting hung up at times, you are fishing in the wrong place."

Sheepshead are one of our native fish species that tolerate well conditions of cooler water. In fact they thrive in the late fall and through the winter because they are one of the truly omnivorous fish in our area. Often seen grazing on rocks and barnacles, sheepshead supplement their diet with a large amount of vegetable material, mostly algae which grows on hard structures. The algae grows well in waters with at least fair visibility as that lets more sunlight in. Hidden amongst the algae are the small crustaceans sheepshead also feed upon. They routinely munch barnacles and young oysters, but seem to relish mussels. Mussels are much smaller than oysters and grow faster. They too provide a great food source that sustains the metabolism of sheepshead through the cooler months of the year. Some savvy anglers have learned to harvest mussels and barnacles, which unlike oysters are NOT REGULATED, and use them as chum or bait for sheepshead. They can be crushed up and placed in small mesh bags or piece of panty hose, then tied on a hook. Barnacles and mussels may be scraped from piling, seawalls and rocks exposed at low tide. Strong northerly winds help lower sealevel along the back bays and Intercoastal waterway and Passes exposing these crustaceans to the anglers. Low winter tides also expose more tidal flats along the Gulf beaches making "slurping" for ghost shrimp easier. These make great bait too, and just about any fish now active in our waters loves to eat them.

The work on Seawall Park under and north of the Perdido Pass Bridge should be wrapping up soon, much to the delight of anglers eagerly wanting to get back to fishing the structure there. The new boardwalk, railing and lighting north of the bridge should enhance the safety and "fishability" of that venue immensely. This will be timely, as there are already plenty of local anglers and snowbirds looking for an alternate fishing venue since the Gulf State Park Pier has closed for repair. Anglers used to fishing there are being told the tentative time frame to reopen the popular facility is mid-summer 2024. Let's hope for the best and keep fishing!

the CMX Pinnacle; Gulf Shores.
 • Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
 • Jason Abel Project: 9; The Office; Foley.
 • Matt Erdman: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Sapphyre; 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
 • Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks - Orange Beach.
 • Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke w. Howard: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope..
 • Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 • Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
 • Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
 • Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Inner-

arity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, DEC 10

• Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
 • Wes Loper: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
 • Tim & Drake: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Destiny Brown: 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • Mike Diamond: 11 a.m.; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
 • Sunday Potluck: 12-2; Fraternal Order or Eagles Lodge; Hwy 98, east of Beach Express; Foley.
 • Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • Liza Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 • DNA Trio: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
 • League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.



FISHING FUN: (Clockwise from top left) John Jupin from north Alabama landed this fine black drum near Fort Morgan; Nicole Atchison bundled up and landed this fine "bull" redfish recently near the point at Fort Morgan while fishing with her husband John and their friends; (Braylon Laycock) caught the bluefish on a pompano rig with shrimp and pink fishbait; Jordan Gooding enjoys his pursuit of pompano; Michael Brown put together a fine limit of pompano while fishing one morning from the beach near Fort Morgan.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Orange Beach schools continue to rack up academic accolades

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The College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) enables students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school.

"The program, a set of college-level courses and exams, prepares students for college coursework's rigors and high expectations. The students are much more prepared and know what to expect when they arrive on campus," said Chris Shaw, principal at OBMHS.

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"AP Calculus teaches students how to think analytically, process complex problems, and manage their time. Students in AP Calculus are better students in every subject because AP teaches them how to learn, study, and prepare for exams. I love teaching AP courses because I get to help students learn more about themselves and their metacognition," added Drew Castillow, AP Calculus and AP PreCalculus teacher.

Kid Rock & Jason Aldean headline June 21-22 Mobile fest

The Rock the Country Festival will make Mobile one of its seven tour stops, and Kid Rock and Jason Aldean will headline the June 21-22 fest at the Mobile Fairgrounds (63 miles from Gulf Shores Public Beach).

Brantley Gilbert, Big & Rich, Gretchen Wilson, Randy Houser, Uncle Kracker, Tyler Farr, Sadie Bass, Gavin Adcock and Dee Jay Silber will also play in Mobile. Tickets start at \$129.99 for two-day general admission. For more info: rockthecountry.com. RV and car camping will also be available.

Mobile ahead of G.S. on snowbird destination list? No O.B.?

In its most recent issue, Architectural Digest ranked the 75 top hidden gem cities for snowbirds, and ranked Mobile ahead of Gulf Shores on a list that did not even include Orange Beach.

Six Alabama cities, led by Mobile at no. 10, cracked the list. Gulf Shores ranked no. 38, Huntsville no. 23, Birmingham no. 24, Montgomery no. 31 and Tuscaloosa no. 33.

New \$50 million hotel planned at OWA in Foley

A resort-style hotel with a value of more than \$50 million is scheduled to open in May of 2025 on the northeast side of the Tropic Falls waterpark at OWA Parks & Resort in Foley.

The multi-story hotel is still in the design stages, but development plans call for tropical-themed guest rooms that include a kitchenette and workspace, along with optional bunk bed spaces for larger families. Other key resort amenities will include an outdoor resort-style pool with a bar and grill, 24-hour fitness center, meeting space, lounge, convenience store, and arcade; along with complimentary valet service, Wi-Fi and breakfast.

The new hotel development, combined with the recent \$70 million expansion of the Tropic Falls Water Park, the newly opened luxury Tropic Hideaway RV Park and growth of new businesses in Downtown OWA, demonstrates The Tribe's commitment to advance and improve the offerings at OWA Parks and Resort.

Once completed, the new resort hotel will bring the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' total investment into the OWA's project to \$414 million. For more information on OWA Parks and Resorts, ticket and entertainment options, and up-to-date water park news, visit VisitOWA.com.

MON, DEC 11

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Josh Newcom: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- DJ Hank: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge (11 a.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

TUE, DEC 12

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke/Bingo: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.

- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Foley Lions Club: noon; Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.2

WED, DEC 13

- Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
- Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace.; 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Tyler Wilson; 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic w. Nigel: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foeet.com.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church: 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: 8:30-10 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



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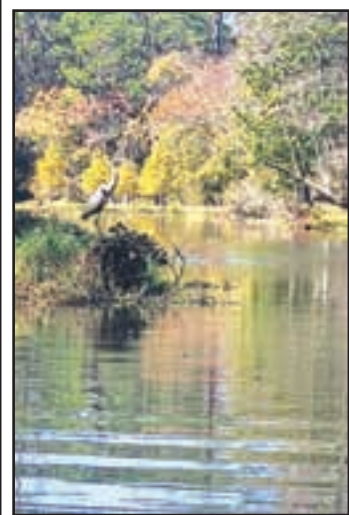
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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



"Beautiful Blue Heron spotted on Miflin Creek," writes Steve Ward.



"This is Harriet, the Heron...my fishing buddy on Little Lagoon, chowing down on a fresh caught Croaker," writes Dennis Hendrickson of Brigadoon Trail.



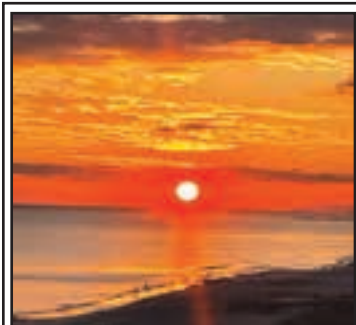
A couple beach shots from Diane Folio.



Photo by Drew Kalapach.



West beach sunset from Suzie Modlin.



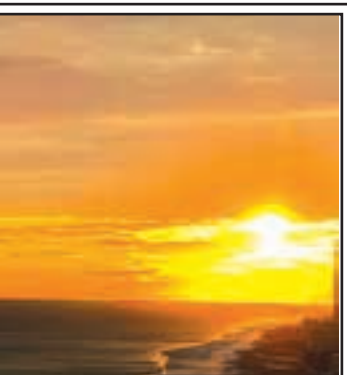
From Sharen Garner.



"If they build it they will come," writes Carol Keith.



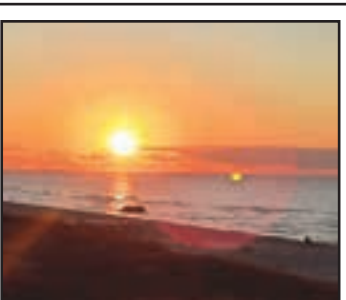
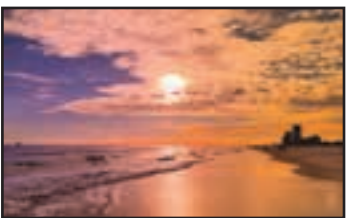
From Gary Holt.



Sunset shot courtesy of Mike Yeager.



"Good morning world. Thank you for a nice day," writes Paul Serina.



Janet Warren shares pictures from Fort Morgan at sunrise and sunset.



From Jane Tursi.

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 Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.
 • Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, DEC 14

• Christmas on the Coast Events: See Pages 8-20.
 • Josh Newcom: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
 • Tim Robinson: 6; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Brian Hill Duo: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
 • Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
 • Elaine Petty: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
 • Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
 • Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
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Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



What do you call a wreath made of \$100 bills?
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A guy is in for a job interview, and the interviewer asks him "What would you consider to be your biggest weakness?"

The guy replies "Honesty. I'm honest with everyone; I don't know how to be anything other than completely honest with every single person I meet."

The interviewer says "I don't really see how honesty could be considered a weakness? In fact, I think honesty is a great strength!"

To which the guy replies "I don't really give a hoot what you think."

A lonely frog telephoned the Psychic Hotline and asked what his future holds. His Personal Psychic Advisor tells him, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

"This is great! Will I meet her at a party?" he croaks.

"No," says the psychic, "in biology class."

People who say I'm pretentious need to walk a mile in my Louis Vuitton's.

Two brothers wake up one morning and decided they were mature and needed to show it. So they decided to cuss in front of their parents.

They go downstairs for breakfast and mom asks the younger what he would like.

"I guess I'll have some damn Toasties," he says.

Mom whales into him and

then grounds him for a week.

She then turns to the older son and says, "Now what do you want smartly?"

"Well I damn sure don't want any Toasties," he replies.

"Sarcasm doesn't get you anywhere."

"Well it got me to the sarcasm world championships in Mexico '98."

"Really?"

"No."

To err is human. To blame it on somebody else shows management potential.

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

I often worry about the safety of my children, especially the one that is rolling her eyes and talking back to me right now.

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Husband: "I already told you, this is her husband!"

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Husband: "Wow, what a great saving and a cool bag! Why don't you buy 5 more and save \$1500 and pay this month's mortgage?"

A lady on a commuter train is reading a newspaper article about life and death statistics. Fascinated, she turns to the man next to her and asks, "Did you know that every time I breathe somebody dies?"

"Really?" he says. "Have you tried a good mouthwash?"

Diner: "These oysters are very small."

Waiter: "I suppose, sir."

Diner: "And they don't look very fresh."

Waiter: "Then I suppose it's a good thing they're so small, isn't it, sir?"

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech guy is asleep. But he's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

My beautiful neighbor walked across the street knocked on my door and said, "I just got home, and I have this strong urge to

get drunk and have a good time tonight. Are you doing anything?"

I quickly replied, "Nope, I'm free!"

"Great" she said. "Can you watch my dog?"

Why does Grandma spray Windex all over her Medicare co-pay invoices?

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Which month do soldiers hate most?

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What soldiers smell of salt and pepper?

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Which branch of the military do babies join?

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I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

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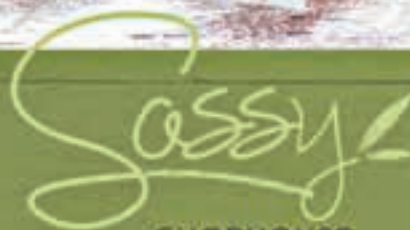
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