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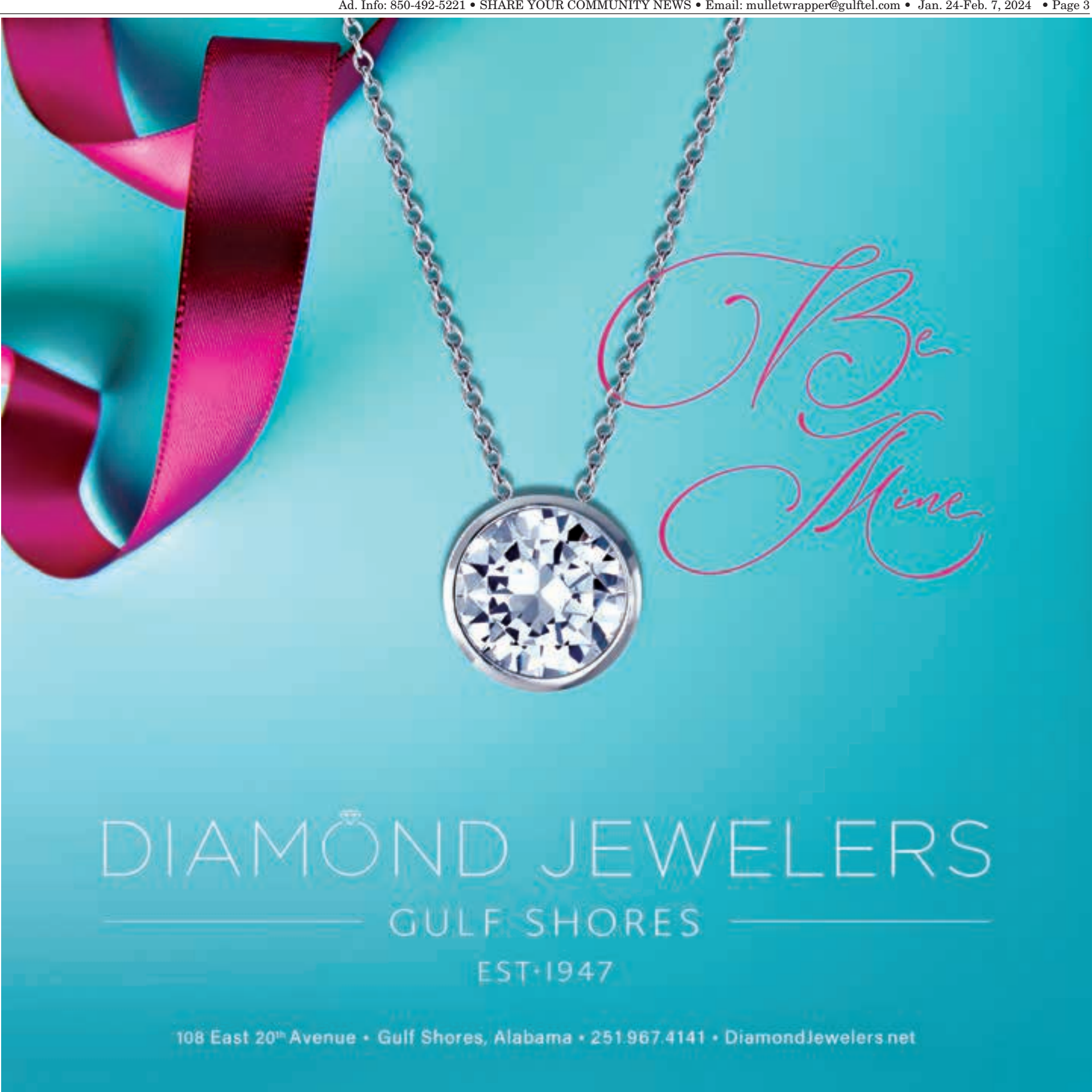
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### Our Lady of the Gulf chili & bake sale Feb. 3 in Gulf Shores

Get ready for a Bake Sale and More hosted by Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church's Altar Rosary Society on Saturday, February 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a blast of homemade goodies for dinner or dessert! Expect to find chili, soups, quiche, pie, pound cake, cookies, and king cakes.

Grab a treat to go or savor it on site with a complimentary cup of coffee. But wait, there's more excitement – basket raffles, a 50-50 raffle, and an arts and crafts area! Come out and support the organization that supports our community and the Christian Service Center. More info: [olgal.org/bake-sale](mailto:olgal.org/bake-sale), 314-753-8433 or [pfahrmann@msn.com](mailto:pfahrmann@msn.com).

### Taste of St. Peter's is Jan. 28 at historic Bon Secour Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 6270 Bon Secour Hwy. (at the corner of Ct. Rds. 10 & 49) in historic Bon Secour, will host its annual Taste of St. Peter's on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. or until the food runs out. It is a wonderful opportunity for the larger community to gather and sample the local delicacy that is fried mullet in the picturesque town.

In addition, the menu features hush puppies, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, desserts, tea, water and coffee. Plates are \$12 each eat in or take out.

There will also be a bake sale with lots of homemade goodies prepared by the Ladies of St. Peter's. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or visit [stpetersbonsecour.com](http://stpetersbonsecour.com).

Always popular with winter guests, the Taste is an opportunity to enjoy the food that made the Gulf Coast famous while meeting friends new and old.

### Next Skins Game will be Feb. 4 at Orange Beach Golf Center

The Orange Beach Golf Center will hold its next Skins Game Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 4, 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.. 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. Info: 251-981-GOLF (4653).



**HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL THRIFT SHOP DONATES \$25K TO CSC**  
Holy Spirit Thrift Shop has awarded \$25,000 to The Christian Service Center from its thrift shop sales. The Holy Spirit Thrift Shop is a ministry of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores. The shop is located at 6798A Hwy. 59 North in Gulf Shores. Store hours are Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. More information is available by calling 251-968-2797. Holy Spirit Episcopal Church is located at 616 West Fort Morgan Road in Gulf Shores. **Pictured:** Will Lowry, Holy Spirit Rector; Debbie Murray, volunteer; Pam Huerd, Thrift Shop Manager; Linda Chappelle, Board Chairman, Christian Service Center; Mike Ford, volunteer; Donna Workman Meghan, volunteer.

## Fort Morgan Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary Tour of Homes is Feb. 3

The Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will host a Feb. 3 tour of beautiful homes along Fort Morgan Road from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to tour five of the most amazing homes in Fort Morgan. Tickets are \$25 and available via eventbrite. Proceeds benefit the Fort Morgan Vol. Fire Dept. More info: email [gailcj87@gmail.com](mailto:gailcj87@gmail.com).

From quaint cottages to grand beachfront estates, this self-guided tour will showcase the diverse range of homes that make Fort Morgan so special.

Whether you're a history buff, an architecture enthusiast, or simply looking for inspiration, this event is a must-attend. Skywalk is located at the end of Fort Morgan and sports breathtaking views of the Gulf.

Chateau Soleil is located in the gated Indies complex and is full of charm and sophistication. Banana Split is located on the Gulf and is a duplex that will knock your socks off.

Banana Cabana is located Gulf front and can accommodate up to 28 guests. The Tunnel House is located in the gated community of Kiva Dunes.

### Orange Beach Seafood Fest Feb. 24 at Wharf

The 32nd Annual Orange Beach Seafood Festival and Car Show will return to the Wharf on Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival is a major fundraising event for the Makos Academics Arts & Athletics Club, which directly benefits Orange Beach schools. Each year, more than 15,000 people attend.

### Gulf Shores Garden Club Seminar slated Feb. 7

**By Diane Clark**

Grab a friend and get your ticket for Gulf Shores Garden Club's 31st annual floral seminar. The speaker will be Jina Logan on "Designing On A Dime." The event will be presented at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores on Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. Admission is by advance ticket only. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. Tickets are \$30 which includes the program, lunch, and door prizes.

"It seems that folks these days are always seeking ways to be thrifty with floral arranging. However, they want to design and create beautiful arrangements for their homes or as gifts," Gina Jogan said.

The seminar is open to people of all ages. Men are welcome also. Hurry to get your ticket at: Thomas B Norton Library, 221 West 19th Ave, Gulf Shores, Island Enclosures at 3757 Gulf Shores Pk, Suite E, Gulf Shores, or by mail at Charlotte Higgins, 1484 Sandpiper Lane, Unit 5, Gulf Shores. Her phone is 205 410-3190. Email is [c.s.higgins@gmail.com](mailto:c.s.higgins@gmail.com). Proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Scholarship Fund and other community interests.

### Free local interest lectures at Learning Center

Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism's free Winter Showcase Educational Series is in full swing with a variety of local interests, such as military history, nature and local artisans. The one hour presentations begin at 10:30 a.m. at The Gulf State Park Learning Campus auditorium at 20115 State Park Road in Gulf Shores (behind GSP headquarters). Pre-register at [gulfshores.com/showcase](http://gulfshores.com/showcase).

Upcoming talks: 01/26: Literacy: The Tool to Empower Our Community; 1/29: Archaeology of Mobile Bay; 1/30: Sharing the Beach with Al-

abama's Sea Turtles; 1/31: Tales from Sea and Sky; 2/01: A Silent Sentinel: Fort Morgan After the Civil War; 2/02: Mobile, 321 years of Cultural Heritage on Alabama's Gulf Coast; 2/05: Mardi Gras in Mobile; 2/06: New Exhibits at the Pensacola Lighthouse; 2/07: City of Orange Beach Updates; 2/08: Ben Raines; 2/09: More than Just Oranges; 2/14: Love Birds- Raptor Addition; 2/15: Cooking with Rouses; 2/16: A Fishing Village Comes to Life; 2/19: The Resiliency of Gulf State Park.- Weathering Disaster.

### Foley's Gumbo & Alabama Slammer Fest Jan 28

The Gumbo & Alabama Slammer Fest will be held on Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. 'til 6 p.m. at Heritage Park in Foley. Festivities include food trucks, tons of gumbo options, contests, a huge kid zone, pony rides, a petting zoo, contests for event bucks and a large variety of vendors. Alabama Slammers, bloody marys, beer & wine will be served and entertainment includes Cliff Dorsey at 10:30 a.m., Sons of Bocephus at 1 p.m. and The Tip Tops at 4 p.m. Entry is \$5 and free to those 12 & under More info: [beachlifeevents.com](http://beachlifeevents.com).

### GACC free starting a business seminar Jan. 25

The Alabama Small Business Development Center will host a "Starting a Business in Baldwin County" in person seminar on January 25 from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. at Gulf Shores Campus of Coastal Alabama Community College. No cost, registration is required, lunch provided. Space is limited. More info: [ASBDC.org](http://ASBDC.org) or 205-613-0001.

### PCI PowWow Club performs at OWA on Jan. 27

The OWA Arts & Crafts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon-6 p.m. in the entertainment district of Downtown OWA in Foley. Arts & crafts vendors will be selling goods throughout Downtown OWA. The event includes kids activities such as speed art competitions. The Porach Creek Indians Pow Wow Club will perform a Native American dance on the OWA island amphitheater stage at 12:30 p.m. and live music will be featured on the same stage 'til 6 p.m. Info: [VisitOwa.com](http://VisitOwa.com).



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### Next City Rhythm Big Band Dance Jan. 27

The City Rhythm Big Band will host a Jan 27 winter dance 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: 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; Dec 28 - Christmas/New Year's Dance.

### Jan. 26 dance honors the late, great John Brust

By Gail Calma Sims

The Frank Calma Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance will be held on Friday, January 26 from 6-9 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center, 407 E. Laurel Avenue (Hwy 98. BYOB - Setups, Chips, soft drinks and water will be furnished. Feel free to bring appetizers. Cost is \$25 per person, and dress is casual. Ticket information: 251-752-7422

This will be a tribute to John Brust, who has blessed our lives for the past 40 years here on the Gulf Coast with the All-Star Band! John went to be with the Lord on June 29, 2023 and our lives will be forever changed. Jerry Anderson has put the band together for that evening, and we want you all to be with us and share in the tribute! It will be a wonderful evening of dancing and celebration of John's life!

This will be the 16th Annual Frank Calma Memorial Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Elberta Council 2736 to raise money for local charities. John and Jerry are the reason our dance has been so successful. The Snowbirds and the locals all want to be

there on the dance floor! Frank's dream was realized each and every year because of this band. So thankful for their support all these years.

### Suspect arrested in stabbing of jogger in Foley

Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the stabbing of a woman in Heritage Park on Wednesday. Bernard C. Abney, 40, of Mobile was arrested Saturday. He was being held in the Mobile Metro Jail on Sunday.

"We are relieved that he is in custody and appreciate all the hard work by the many agencies involved as well as the media and citizens of our local communities," Foley Police Chief Thurston Bullock said.

"I am very proud of our police force and the team effort to bring it to a close with an arrest," Mayor Ralph Hellmich said. "These types of crimes are extremely rare in our community but when they occur, they cause great anxiety. It is no surprise to me that our men and women closed this difficult case quickly."

Foley police said earlier that Abney will charged with one felony count of second-degree assault – assault with a deadly weapon – and one felony count of first-degree attempted rape.

The woman was attacked on the Wilbourne Antique Rose Trail on Wednesday evening. Police received a 911 call at 5:40 p.m. The caller reported that a woman had run into a business and said that she had been stabbed.

Police arrived at the scene and found that the woman had been stabbed in the arm, torso and thigh. She was taken to University Hospital for treatment of injuries that were described as non-life threatening.

The woman has been released and is recovering at home.

Bullock said the victim's strength and tenacity coupled with fighting back likely ended the attack and possibly saved her life.

Abney was believed to be homeless. Police said that he may

have been staying with people that he knew or in homeless encampments. He also frequented venues that assist the homeless.

Bullock said this case created a sense of fear within Foley citizens, and the investigation was an "all hands on deck" case. Through the team work of employees, diligent effort in the investigation by detectives and the assistance and tips generated by the public, police were able to identify a suspect and establish probable cause for arrest warrants in the case.

Abney spent 18 years in prison after being convicted on a rape charge, according to reports. Hellmich said the arrest is an indication that the defendant should not have been released.

"I am, however, disappointed in our state system for allowing an early release of a person who has not been rehabilitated into society," Hellmich said.

### 30th Super Chili Cook-Off Feb. 10 at Flora-Bama

Let the chopping begin. The 30th Annual Flora-Bama Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off is set for Feb. 10 from noon 'til 2 p.m. in the tent at the world famous honky tonk on the Al-FI state line.

A total of 20 teams of three are registered to work their chili wizardry to win with their version of the best chili and raise funds for Relay For Life and The American Cancer Society. Register at florabama.com.

If you don't want to cook, come by, sample the wide variety of dishes and help raise funds for The American Cancer Society. Tasting tickets are \$25 for unlimited chili samples, a draft PBR or bottled water and a People's Choice ticket. Serving starts at noon.

New this year is a Best Decorated Booth award. First place winners receive \$100 and the Perpetual Trophy.

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## AROUND TOWN



### Free Kiwanis Club breakfast Feb. 3

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon will host a free pancake breakfast and bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 8 – 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, located at 10650 Gulf Beach Highway in Pensacola. The full breakfast includes sausage, milk, orange juice, tea and coffee. It is all free, but donations for Kiwanis charities will be gratefully accepted. **Pictured:** Kiwanians Maggie Haygood, Dean Kirschner and Carmen Ciardello.

### Four A Change Valentine's concert Feb. 9 in Orange Beach

The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach will host an Acoustic Arts Series concert on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m., with Four A Change presenting "An Evening of Love Songs" in honor of Valentine's Day. Doors open at 6 p.m., and tickets are \$20 in advance. All CAC concerts are held in the gallery listening room. Seating is limited for these up-close performances. The Coastal Arts Center is located at 26389 Canal Road in Orange Beach. Tickets are on sale by phone at 251-981-2787 (ARTS) or at the CAC.

### MAAAC annual drawdown Feb. 3 at O.B. Event Center

The Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club's Drawdown fundraiser, "Toga-ther for a Night in Ancient Rome" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Orange Beach Event Center. Tickets are available online at obmaaac.org for \$75 per person and \$1,500 for a table.

### O.B. Garden Club Game day/salad luncheon is Feb. 21

Tickets are on sale for the 36th Annual Orange Beach Garden Club Game Day and Salad Luncheon. The theme is "Butterfly Gardens". This popular event takes place on February 21st at the Orange Beach Event Center located at The Wharf, 4671 Wharf Pkwy W. Get your tickets today!!! Doors open at 9:30am, with card games, dominoes, etc. starting at 10am. Bring your friends or get to know new friends! Play your favorite game or learn a new one. Tickets for the event are \$35 and sold only in advance at Orange Beach Senior Activity Center, 26251 Canal Road and at Emporium at C, 25405 Perdido Beach Blvd. next to the Orange Beach Rouses. Lunch buffet with dessert and door prize are included, and there will be raffle tickets on sale at the door for 20 huge gift baskets. Proceeds benefit Orange Beach Garden Club which supports the City of Orange Beach Police, Fire Department and Environmental Services including such projects as Arbor Day, Scholarships, Butterfly Garden on the Hugh Branyon Trail, Light Up Orange Beach Christmas decoration contest, and a host of other community projects. The Orange Beach Garden Club meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month for lunch and a program. More info: Yo Johnson at 205-613-0001.

### Seed & Plant swap Jan. 27 at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

The Second Annual Community Seed and Plant Swap at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will be held from 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, National Seed Swap Day. All event activities are included with zoo admission or zoo membership and receive a 10 percent discount off zoo admission with a donation of wildflower seeds. Seeds will be used to reseed banks around ponds throughout the zoo.

In addition to seed, plant and cutting swaps, the event includes demonstrations, Munsell Sustainable Garden tours, gardening information tables. Seed planting activities for kids and vendor booths with local plants and home-steading items for sale. More info: marcale@algulfcoastzoo.org, 251-256-7008 ext 123 or visit algulfcoastzoo.org.

### Impact 100 social Jan. 24 at CoastAl Restaurant

Impact 100 Baldwin County will hold a recruitment social on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at CoastAl Restaurant in Orange Beach beginning at 5 p.m. All interested women are invited.

The group is composed of women who believe in transforming lives in our communities by awarding high-impact grants to nonprofits in the areas of Arts, Culture & Recreation; Education; Environment & Preservation; Family; and Health and Wellness. Since its inception in 2008, Impact 100 has awarded \$5.5 million in grants to Baldwin County nonprofits. Membership is open to all women at least 18 years old who can make a \$1,000 membership donation by March 31. Every penny of the donation goes toward grant awards, and payment installments are an option. For more info or to RSVP: Impact100BaldwinCounty.



### Friends of Foley Library Book Sale Feb. 8-10

By Colby Girard

The Annual Book Sale of Friends of the Foley Public Library is February 8-10 at the Foley Civic Center. Admission is free and open to everyone.

It's big. The Annual Book Sale features roughly 12 thousand books, 100's of music CDs and DVDs, and an assortment of other media like audiobooks, CD ROMs, vinyl records or cassettes. It's easily the biggest, most varied selection of books and media under one roof in Baldwin County. Items for sale cover about 30 banquet tables that fill the entire main hall of the Foley Civic Center.

The items are displayed in rough groupings by category. Books are hardbacks and paperbacks in excellent condition in most categories including science fiction, art, children's, pop fiction, cooking, history, biography, and large format photo books. All items are discounted at a fraction of normal retail.

Members of Foley Library Friends get first pick. February 8 is for members only. But anyone can sign up for membership at the door. Memberships are \$10/individual and \$15/family. Friends of the Foley Public Library is a nonprofit group that generates funding for Foley Public Library and related literacy projects. More information is available at foleylibrary.org/friends-of-the-library

Public hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 9 a.m. 'til noon on Feb. 10, which includes the Saturday Special: Fill a Tanger shopping bag for just \$5. The members only sale is 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. Memberships - \$10/individual and \$15/family - are available at the door. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E. Laurel Ave. (Highway 98 East of Highway 59).



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### Mardi Gras Parade

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## SPRING

### Waterway Village Series

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### Breakfast with the Bunny

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## SUMMER

### S'mores on the Shore

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### Make Music Day

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### Music at Meyer Park

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# Mardi Gras 2024

## Elks Lodge party Feb. 10

**By Kelly Lyons**

Elks Lodge 2782 in Foley invites you to our annual Mardi Gras event on Feb. 10, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets will be \$25 a person in advance and \$30 at the door. We will be serving the traditional Mardi Gras dinner and three bands will play throughout the day. The lodge is located at 2621 S Juniper St. in Foley. More info: 251-971-2782.

## Jan. 26 Avant Garde Ball

Krewe of Avant Garde invites the community to the Annual Masked Mardi Gras Ball at 6 p.m., Friday, January 26 at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Show support for our military and enjoy dancing with Wilk McKen's Dr. Breeze Band, dinner, fun, court program, and cash bar. Cost is \$70 for guests. More info, Dean at estdean@cox.net or 850-458-7988.

## Bear Point Golf Cart Parade

**By Jevan Covey**

Come one Come All! Join us for the Bear Point Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade on February 11. All Bear Point residents are decorating their carts and collecting beads, candy, plushies, and more to throw to all who line the streets for this celebration of community and family fun.

The Parade route will begin at 2 p.m. on North Bayshore, pass in front of OSO Restaurant and wind through the Bear Point neighborhood, ending up at OSO for a Joe Cain Day Party. There will be food and drink specials along with a DJ @ noon and The Wrong Terms @ 4 p.m. Looking forward to seeing our Orange Beach residents and guests for a great day! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

## Lost Key Krewe is open to all

The Lost Key Krewe is adding a 2nd T-Top Boat Float to accommodate more riders for its participation in four Gulf Coast Mardi Gras parades. Annual membership is \$300 and includes a guaranteed permanent spot on a float in two Pensacola parades and the Orange Beach and Pensacola Beach parades. Safety walkers (free) are also needed for the parades.

"If we can fill both floats with memberships, next winter we will be able to launch our very first Lost Key Krewe Ball on the Key and keep developing our giving back program in more locally needed projects & collaborations," said krewe founder Cheri Bone.

All local charities will be considered by the krewe membership, and sponsorships are available. More info, visit keygulls.org, go to facebook, email info@lostkeykrewe.com or call 850-898-0956.

Established as a non-profit since 2021, the krewe raises money towards the betterment of the Perdido Key community through fundraisers, special events & volunteer work. Most recently, the krewe hosted an early January food distribution day.

## Local Mardi Gras Parade Schedule

**Friday, January 26**

6:30 p.m. - Conde Cavaliers, Mobile

**Saturday, January 27**

2 p.m. - Bayport Parading Society, Mystic DJ Riders, Mobile

2 p.m. - Elberta Mardi Gras Parade

2 p.m. - Order of the Rolling River (Dauphine Island Pkwy.

4 p.m. - Milton Mardi Gras Parade, Milton, Fla

6:30 p.m. - Pharaohs, Conde Explorers, Mobile

4 p.m. - Milton Mardi Gras Parade, Milton, Fla

**Sunday, January 28**

11 a.m. - Pensacola Paw-di Gras, Garden St., Downtown Pensacola

6:30 p.m. - Massacre Island Secret Society, Dauphin Isle

**Thursday, February 1**

6:30 p.m. - Order of Polka Dots, Mobile

**Friday, February 2**

6:30 p.m. - Order of Inca, Mobile

6:45 p.m. - Apollo's Mystic Ladies, Daphne

**Saturday, February 3 (Senior Bowl)**

1 p.m.: Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Parade

1 p.m. - Mystics, Mystical Revelers, Mystical Friends, Mobile

1 p.m. - Puppygras Parade, Downtown OWA, Foley.

2:30 p.m. - Krewe du Kidz Walking Parade; OWA, Foley

3 p.m. - Order of the Mystic Mutts, Fairhope

6:45 p.m. - Knights of Ecor Rouge, Fairhope

6:30 p.m. - Maids of Mirth, Butterfly Maidens, Marry Mates, Mobile

Post Parade - Free Counting Crows Concert, Mardi Gras Park, Mobile

**Sunday, February 4**

6:30 p.m. - Neptune's Daughters, Order of Isis, Mobile

**Monday, February 5**

6:30 p.m. - Venus, Miracle On the Bay, Order of Many Faces, Mobile

**Tuesday, February 6**

6:30 p.m. - Order of LaShe's; Order of Olympia, Mobile

**Thursday, February 8**

6:30 p.m. - Mystic Strippers Society, Mobile

**Friday, February 9**

6:30 p.m. - Crewe of Columbus, Krewe de Secondline, Mobile

6:45 p.m. - Maids of Jubilee, Fairhope

7:30 p.m. - Krewe of Lafitte Illuminated Parade Pensacola

**Saturday, February 10**

11 a.m. - Foley Parade, Foley

Noon - Floral, Knights of Mobile, Mystical Ladies, Angels, Joy of Life, Mobile

Noon - Krewe of Goats, Prichard Carnival Association, Prichard

Noon - Krewe of Sparta, Saraland

2 p.m. - Krewe of Mullet Mates, Mullet Point, Fairhope

2 p.m. - Pensacola Grand Mardi Gras Parade, Downtown Pensacola

2:30 p.m.: Puppy Gras Pet Parade, Downtown OWA, Foley

5:45 p.m. - Mystics of Time, Mobile

5:30 p.m. - Mystics and Marshals, Orange Beach

6:45 p.m. - The Shadow Barons, Daphne

**Sunday, February 11 (Joe Cain Day, Super Bowl)**

1 p.m. - Joe Cain Day Parade & Street Party, Mobile

1 p.m. - Fort Morgan Parading Society, Fort Morgan

1 p.m. - Krewe of Wrecks Parade, Pensacola Beach

2 p.m. - Krewe of the Royal Riff-Raff, Josephine

2 p.m. - Bear Point Golf Cart Parade; Orange Beach

2 p.m. - King Elexis I Motorcade, Mobile

2:29 p.m. - Loyal Order of the Fire Truck, Daphne

5 p.m. - Le Krewe de Bienville, Mobile

6 p.m. - OWA Mardi Gras Parade, Foley

**Monday, February 12 (Lundi Gras)**

Noon - King Felix III, Floral Parade, Mobile

3 p.m. - MLK Business, Civic & Monday Mystics, Northside Merchants, Mobile

4 p.m. - Kids & Pet Parade, The Wharf in Orange Beach

6 p.m. - Kids & Pet Parade, The Wharf in Orange Beach

6:45 p.m. - Order of Mystic Magnolias, Fairhope

7 p.m. - Infant Mystics, Order of Doves, Mobile

**Tuesday, February 13 (Fat Tuesday)**

7-10 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast: PBUMC Audi, Gulf Shores

10 a.m. - Gulf Shores Parade, Gulf Shores

10 a.m. - Order of Athena, Mobile

11 a.m. - The Tip Tops, Lulu's, Gulf Shores

11 a.m. - Music on two stages all day, Flora-Bama, Perdido Key

Noon - Grayson Capps, Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores

12:30 p.m. - Knights of Revelry, King Felix III, Comic Cowboys, Mobile

2 p.m. - MAMGA Mammoth Parade, Mobile

2 p.m. - Orange Beach Parade, Orange Beach

3:05 p.m. - LuLu's Boat Parade, Wharf to LuLu's, Pleasure Isle

5 p.m. - Priscus Celebration, Seville Quarter, Downtown Pensacola

6 p.m. - Order of Myths, Mobile

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Next O.B. Community Assn. potluck dinner is Feb. 5

By Dianne McElroy

The Orange Beach Community Association, 27235 Canal Rd., Orange Beach will hold their February pot luck dinner on February 5 at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite side dish or a dessert and join us. Our entree' is meatloaf for February. The guest speaker will be a representative from United Way that will provide us with informative information of all the services the agencies of United Way provide for Baldwin County. Look forward to seeing you at our February dinner.

### The Wizard of Oz coming to Orange Beach Feb. 1-4

The show encompasses a cast of 60 actors and a live Toto

The Orange Beach Expect Excellence Community Theater will be performing the classic musical favorite The Wizard of Oz at the spectacular Orange Beach Performing Arts Center on Canal Rd. Feb. 1-4. The first three performances will be at 7 p.m., and the final show is a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets for are on sale at orangebeachal.gov/performingarts. All seating is general admission and priced at \$15. Tickets are also available at the P.A.C. box office (251-923-0043) weekdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. at 23908 Canal Road on the eastern portion of the Orange Beach Middle/High School campus.

"It's such an iconic and timeless show, and it's so relatable because we all see ourselves in one or more of the characters," said Director Jacob Morris. "Everyone has felt like the lion or the scarecrow at some point in their lives. And we all have encountered the wicked witch in our lives somewhere. It is a real, tried-and-true story where Dorothy has to keep on going even through the hard times. It's about her not giving up."

The show encompasses a cast of 60 actors and a live Toto.

"It has been very rewarding seeing the cast being challenged to make adjustments to fine-tune their performance and seeing everyone put in all the hard work. I love that they all work together and encourage each other," Stage Manager Stacie Brane said, "and anything live on stage is more fun to watch than anything you'll see on TV."

This will also be the first theatrical production at the P.A.C. to utilize the stage pit area to provide live orchestral accompaniment for the show.

"This is one of those stories that "stays with you from the very first time you see it. And while the majority of the audience has probably seen the wonderful movie version of it, there is just something even more endearing and magical about seeing it performed live in person," said Orange Beach Creative Director Jessica Langston.

### G.S. Police Assn. 4-man Scramble March 1 at Peninsula

The 4th Annual Gulf Shores Police Association Golf Scramble will be held on Friday March 1 at the Peninsula Golf Club in Gulf Shores. Registration begins at 10 a.m., and the tourney starts at 12 p.m. Cost is \$600 for 4-person team. The entry fee includes range balls, carts, breakfast, lunch, hole contests, and team winner & door prizes. Call or email Julie Netemeyer at 314-482-9995 or julienetemeyer@yahoo.com or Sgt. Josh Hoguet at 251-968-4657 or jhoguet@gulfshoresal.gov for more info. Registrations can be made online at Team Participants or dropped off at the Gulf Shores Police Dept. (220 Clubhouse Dr.) with checks for event or donations made out to G.S. Police Assn. The event has raises funds to help support Shop with a Cop.

### WED, JAN 24

- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Eddie 2 Kool: 5; Rotolo's Pizzeria, Fairhope.
- 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.
- Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Bingo w. Lisa Christian: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam w. Nigel Dickie: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Just Roger: 9; Cohiba Dunes Night Club, Gulf Shores.
- Jeremy Perkins: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Al.Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- 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, JAN 25

- The Murder Mystery That Went Wrong - Dinner Theater; 5:15 p.m.; Luna's, Orange Beach; lunaseatanddrink.com.
- Josh Newcom: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 1; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Johnny Hayes: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Jay Williams; 6; 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.
- Funky Lampshades: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- 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-Non: noon; Perdido Bay Community Center; 13660 Innerarity . Rd., Pensacola
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

### FRI, JAN 26

- Buzzcut: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis Band: 1; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Emily White: 4; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Varner: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Eddie 2 Kool: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Brandon Williams: 5; The Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

### Foley to provide Navy services at Barin Field

Foley and the U.S.Navy are working to expand a cooperative arrangement more than 80 years old with an agreement for the city to provide services at Barin Field.

The Foley City Council approved a letter of intent with the Navy's Whiting Field in Pensacola. City Administrator Mike Thompson said the proposal would allow Foley to perform work at Barin Field, but does not obligate the city to any specific duties.

"What we're doing is entering into an arrangement with Whiting Field that would allow the city to perform some work that they might need to have done over at Barin Field," Thompson said. "This is something that they've tested around the country with local governmental agencies, either municipalities or counties where they seek out a local government agency to try to manage some of the services that they might need over there."

Randy Roy, naval operational liaison officer with Whiting Field, said similar agreements in other areas have reduced costs for the Navy. He said local governments often have more resources available at lower prices than the Navy.

"You're talking about basic things that we normally pay for, roads, maybe some repairs, things that you typically have within your bandwidth which you already support," Roy said. "It's whether or not those things come to fruition. There's no dollars that are coming from your coffers to go to this."

Roy said Foley and South Alabama have a long tradition of supporting the Navy. Barin Field has been a training site for Navy aviators since the facility opened as a base in 1942. Today, the field is not an active base, but is still used for Whiting Field training flights. "The folks that live here in this area support the Navy," Roy said. "We talk to your senior leadership a lot about

the importance of what this area does for the Navy."

He said Foley's recent designation by the National Park Service as an American World War II Heritage City is one recognition of the city's long-time support for the military and national defense.

Roy said locations such as Barin Field and other sites in Alabama play a key part in military aviation training. "The ability to do what we do at Whiting Field cannot be done without Alabama," he said. "There are six of our airfields located in Alabama that we fly at. We've got two over here, Barin Field and Summerdale. We have others on the other side of Alabama."

### Feb. 2-3 Flora-Bama job fair is for five properties

Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Flora-Bama will be hosting a job fair seeking to hire more than 200 positions across their five businesses. Managers from each business and department will be on site doing open interviews and fulfilling jobs that day! Training will start soon after hiring to get a jump-start on the 2024 season. It is highly recommended that all interested applicants go to florabama.com/application and apply online in advance. Applications will also be on site and all hires are contingent upon a clean background check. Some of the starting wages are as follows - \$18/hour for dishwashers, \$20/hour for prep cooks and oyster shuckers, and \$22/hour for line cooks. Other incentives like flexible hours, major medical, employee appreciation outings, and apprenticeship program opportunities.

CoastAL Orange Beach will be hosting a job fair seeking to hire the same positions at the same wages and career advancement opportunities January 26-27 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., with managers on site doing open interviews and fulfilling jobs that day. Interested applicants can go to coastalorangebeach.com and apply online in advance.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### CSC accepts \$10K from Garner Tampary charity

The Christian Service Center is blessed and grateful to be the recipient of the \$10,000 raised by the Merry Memories Tinsel Trail presented by The Garner C. Tampary Memorial Foundation. The Christmas trees, located at the Orange Beach Waterfront Park and the Coastal Arts Center, were decorated by sponsors in memory of deceased loved ones. The Tamparys established the event in memory of their son Garner. The Trail is patterned after similar ones in Tuscaloosa and Huntsville. This initial year there were 45 trees on the trail with plans to grow participation in the coming years. Merry Memories Tinsel Trail was a beautiful and touching addition to Christmas in Orange Beach. CSC greatly appreciates the support for our mission to provide food and emergency aid to less fortunate low income families in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Ft. Morgan.

**Pictured:** Linda Chappelle, CSC Director, and Mark Tampary.

### Christian Service Center Spaghetti Dinner Feb. 19

The Christian Service Center annual spaghetti dinner will be served on Feb. 19 at the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, Building B, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Dine-in and drive-through service will be available, along with vegetarian and gluten free options. The \$10 tickets are available at the Christian Service Center, 317 Dolphin Avenue, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – noon, and at the door. For more information please call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit cscgs.com. Sponsorships are still available. The Christian Service Center is a “Hand Up” rather than a “Hand Out” agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals.

### Foley firefighters Snyder & Taylor complete intense training program

The city of Foley recently recognized firefighters David Snyder and Lee Taylor for completing the rigorous Alabama Fire College smoke diver training course and earning the Director's Awards. Foley Public Safety Director David Wilson said fewer than 1% of state firefighters have completed the intense 60-hour training program.

“This achievement is worthy and the recipient is most deserving of the directors award,” Wilson said.

Robert Rowland, Gulf Shores Fire Department chief of operations, worked with Foley on the program. He said many firefighters begin preparing for the course a year in advance, long before they know if their application will be approved. He said that in the five-day course, firefighters have to learn to deal with challenging conditions that are beyond ordinary situations.

“What this class is best for is preparing you for when that call isn't routine. It pushes you to where you probably didn't know you could go,” Rowland said. “David and Lee did a tremendous job representing the Foley Fire Department, city of Foley.”

“The effort that our guys go through to make sure that they train and equip themselves mentally and physically. I appreciate what they do and what we're able to do to equip them to do that,” Fire Chief Joey Darby said. “Last year, we had a major increase in our training budget and that is already paying dividends with a lot of classes, so I appreciate the support in doing that,” Darby said. “We're continuing that in this budget year and that's something we're going to continue for years to come to focus on equipping these folks mentally and physically, so thank you for that.”

The smoke diver training course is designed to help firefighters sharpen their skills and learn techniques through realistic training. The Alabama Fire College's course includes multiple aspects of firefighting. Students participate in physically and mentally taxing exercises in multiple environments. Each day begins with a fitness event, which is followed by drills, field evolutions and scenarios that include heat, smoke and live fire training. Most of the course takes place on the drill field in full protective gear.

Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.  
 • Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.  
 • Cedrick Brooks: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.  
 • Pickleball: 6-9 p.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.  
 • Davo: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.  
 • Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerarity Point.  
 • Rodger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, 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.  
 • Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
 • Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, 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.  
 • T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.  
 • Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

### SAT, JAN 27

• Opera “Carmen” by Bezet, a fan favorite, set in modern day, in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, 11:55 am, CMX Pinnacle 14; Gulf Shores.  
 • Elberta Maradi Gras Parade: 2; Downtown Elberta.  
 • Emily Stuckey Band: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.  
 • Community Seed and Plant Swap: 10; Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Gulf Shores.  
 • Big Beach Half & Full Marathon/Dolphin Challenge: 7; Gulf Shores Pubvlic B each.  
 • Buzzcett: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.  
 • Justin Fobes: 1; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
 • John Keuhler: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
 • Portersville Band: 9; The Office, Foley.  
 • Scott Koehn Trio: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.  
 • Basch Jernigan: 1; Woodsdie Restau-

rant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.  
 • Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.  
 • Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
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 • Chris Hergenroder: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.  
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 • John Hart; 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
 • City Rhythm Big Band Winter Dance: 2-5 p.m.; The Loxley Civic Center; \$15 per person.  
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.  
 • Cedrick Brooks: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.  
 • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.  
 • Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.  
 • Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Foley.  
 • Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope..  
 • Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.  
 • Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.  
 • Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee: 10 a.m.; Robertsdale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mcgriffaw.com  
 • 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 Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, JAN 28

• Big Beach Half & Full Marathon/Dolphin Challenge: 7; Gulf Shores Pubvlic B each.  
 • Wes Loper: noon; Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.  
 • Dixon Darling: 1; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
 • Adam Tyler Brown: 1; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Shores.

- Les Linton: 2; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Elise Taylor: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
- 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: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- The Hubmeister: 5; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

### MON, JAN 29

- Winter of Fun: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks' Gulf Shores; reservations & info: tacky-jacks.com.
- Get Ready - A Motown Experience: 7; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 5; Front Porch; Lillian.
- 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.

- Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.
- DJ Hank: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Lisa Zanghi: 5; 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.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

### TUE, JAN 30

- Winter of Fun: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks' Orange Beach; reservations & info: tacky-jacks.com.
- Get Ready - A Motown Experience: 7; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; Ginny Lane's; 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.
- Gage & The Get Downs: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy An-

- draws General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Danny Grady: 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- South Baldwin Republican Women: Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

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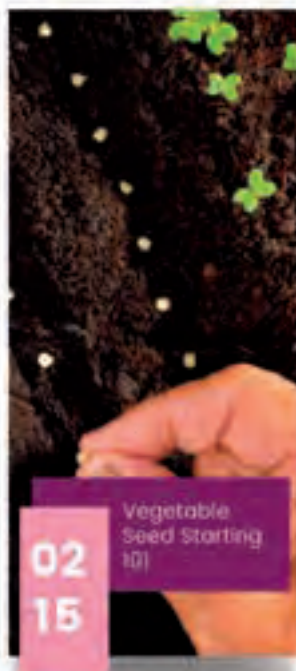
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- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

### WED, JAN 31

- The Murder Mystery That Went Wrong - Dinner Theater; 5:15 p.m.; Luna's, Orange Beach; lunaseatanddrink.com.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Elise Taylor: 5; Rotolo's Pizzeria, Fairhope.
- Chris Beverly: 8; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Chris Hergenroder: 5; Carver's Steak House, 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.
- Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Bingo w. Lisa Christian: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Nigel Dickie & Company Jam: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Foley strategic plan public meetings slated Feb. 7-8

#### City's population has almost tripled since 2010 census

Foley continues to work on infrastructure and other projects to deal with the challenges of one of the area's fastest growing cities. Foley has grown from a population of 8,727 to about 25,000 since the 2020 census.

"That growth is something that is on all of our minds on how we address it," Mayor Ralph Hellmich said, "We've upped a lot of standards for our infrastructure. We have better developments now coming in, but some of these things that people see that are being built right now were approved four or five years ago. It takes a lot of development time for some of these things to take place."

The mayor said the city is also working to develop a strategic plan to guide growth in upcoming years. Residents can take a survey on the city website – [cityoffoley.org](http://cityoffoley.org) – to share their thoughts and opinions about plans for Foley in the future. The city will also hold three public meetings in February to discuss the plan.

- The first meeting will be at the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Interpretive Center at 23030 Wolf Bay Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- The second meeting is scheduled at the Foley Senior Center at 304 East Rose Ave. on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The third meeting will also be on Feb. 8 at the Foley United Methodist Church at 915 North Pine Street from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. That meeting will be at the church's center The Well.

Foley has budgeted \$72.8 million for capital projects in the 2024 fiscal year. Improving traffic flow by extending city streets to provide alternate routes for north-south traffic is one priority. One project recently approved by the state is the improvement at the intersection of Baldwin County 12 and Alabama 59. The city is also waiting on state approval to add a safety shoulder and repave the entire Foley Beach Express route through Foley. The city has also increased its sidewalk construction program to add more pedestrian walkways around the city and plans are in the works for an indoor aquatics center to replace the swimming pool at Max Griffin Park.



### Dead ahead with Stolen Faces Feb. 3 at The Undertow in Orange Beach

Nashville based Stolen Faces will be back on Pleasure Island to kick off Mardi Gras for what will be a well received evening of Grateful Dead cover tunes on Feb. 3 starting at 10 p.m. The Stolen Faces deftly capture the spirit of the Dead, covering the band's expansive catalog with the sort of energy and spontaneity that might have you thinking you're standing in the Fillmore West in 1971. The band includes founding member Christian Grizzard, who earned his Gulf Coast bonafides playing bass with Kung Fu Mama and then Grayson Capps and the Stumpknockers.

- Karaoke: 7; Al Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- Karaoke: 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.
- 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.
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### THU, FEB 1

- The Wizard of Oz: 7; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center, Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 1; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Josh Newcom: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Jay Williams: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
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- Funky Lampshades: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
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- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- 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, FEB 2

- The Wizard of Oz: 7; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis Band: 1; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.



### Sugarcane Jane Jan. 26

#### at Foley's Magnolia Hotel

Sugarcane Jane, the Alabama based Americana duo comprised of husband and wife Anthony Crawford (vocals, acoustic guitar, harmonica, kick drum) and Savana Lee (vocals, bass guitar), will be at the historic Magnolia Hotel in Foley for an intimate show on Friday, Jan. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door, at Hotel Magnolia or at [sugarcanejane.com](http://sugarcanejane.com).

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Between rough surf, cold weather and water, the Gulf State Park Pier closure, Little Lagoon Pass being shoaled up, ongoing construction at Perdido Pass Seawall Park, and the expansive beach dredging, anglers have been hard pressed to have much good luck fishing or especially catching lately. But yes Virginia, there still are some nice fish to be caught even from shore in Alabama in mid winter! Hopefully we have seen the worst of this winter, and some things look to slowly improve as January winds down. Then we will just have to see what trends lie ahead for February. El Nino years often bring us some crazy weather though, so remain vigilant.

In the wake of the recent arctic weather outbreak temperatures have moderated a bit, and the forecast for this fortnight trends more toward seasonal temperatures. Yippee! That means more tolerable morning lows averaging in the 40s or 50s with pleasant afternoon highs into the 60s to near 70 perhaps. But the catch is, with warmer weather comes an increasing chance of rain every few days. Winter cold fronts battle it out with warmer, moist air out over the deep Gulf of Mexico. That is where the surface water temperature remains 70 or higher. Meanwhile shallower water within 10 miles of shore is in the lower 60s, and the inland bays and creeks water temp has plummeted into the 40s. Quite a contrast.

That's about as cold as the water usually gets here in lower Alabama during a typically active winter. But this is also close to the limit of endurance for many fish species native to our area. Anglers need to remember that fish are cold-blooded, meaning they react in kind with the environment around them. So when the water temperature plummets more than 5 degrees behind these strong cold fronts, that creates a thermal shock to them. It can take days for some species to adjust to the extreme change in conditions, and they may not feed during that period. Their metabolism has evolved so they don't need to eat but once a week or so in extreme weather such as this. Their typical prey items may not be as active or available during these low activity periods either. So native bait like fiddler crabs and shrimp becomes scarcer and harder to find. Once the environment begins to warm back up even a few degrees, we should see more activity. Surf zones temperatures vary several degrees depending on how far the location is from these sources of colder water are. Generally expect the water in the surf to be in the upper 50s now.

Catches may begin to improve slowly as the air temp is predicted to be closer to average through the end of the month. But we are still locked into winter, so just about anything can happen for the next couple of months. Especially if we get too much rain which could introduce salinity issues.

Many of the recently reported catches included trophy fish like bull redfish or large black drum. Both are solitary feeders this time of year which prowl the surfzone and nearshore waters, picking up any morsel of food they come across. That is why persistent pompano or whiting fishers on the beach seem to encounter them more often this time of year as their only bite of the day. Though not great table fare, these large drum are a fine pull and good candidates to catch, photograph and release in cooler waters.

But sheepshead are traditionally the most consistent species to target inshore this time of year, while pompano remain the surf-side favorite target, even though they have been scarce. Look for sheepshead around piers, docks and especially rock jetties including the seawall at Perdido Pass. Construction under and north of the bridge continues intermittently as weather allows. Reopening that part of the park is pending soon, so once you see them painting the parking stripes it should occur shortly after. Sheepshead, along with occasional redfish, bluefish, and even pompano are a distinct possibility for able anglers from the jetties of Perdido Pass where live shrimp is a go-to bait.

Some years sheepshead remain in the Intra-coastal Waterway through much of the winter, so they and large black drum may be caught along the rock lined banks of the canal. Live shrimp is the historical bait for sheepshead there, though fiddler crabs are often the bait of choice for anglers in the know. Of course using either is dependent upon availability. The large "loner" black drum may be targeted with pieces of fresh blue crab, cut into halves or quarters. Patience and persistence are keys to successful wintertime fishing.

Beach ghost shrimp seem to plentiful in Gulf Shores this year, surprisingly even in areas that have been filled from the beach restoration. Ghost shrimp are without a doubt the best bait in winter for anglers intrepid enough to brave chilly conditions to slurp enough to fish with (two to three dozen) with a ghost shrimp pump available at most local bait and tackle stores. Usually the results of fish caught makes gathering bait well worth the effort. This is made much more tolerable by donning insulated chest waders. These come in handy while fishing the beach too, giving the angler more range by wading out to cast farther into deeper water if need be. The use of waders also helps standing on the cold, windswept beach more tolerable, even when the sun isn't shining. Layering clothing is your best bet to adjust to conditions changing from day to day, or even during the course of a single day.

Work on the Beach Restoration Project continues eastward through Orange Beach toward Perdido Pass this month before jumping eastward of The Shell Public Parking Access, and concluding near the Alabama-Florida State Line sometime in February. You can keep up with the latest progress of this project online at [olsen-associates.com](http://olsen-associates.com). Fishermen have already noticed changes in the bottom contours around and to the west of filled in areas along the beach due to the natural natural geologic process known as littoral drift. Farther west, successful surf fishing from Fort Morgan beaches has been quite spotty this winter, with some anglers complaining of beach erosion almost to the dune line, making egress along the shoreline more difficult in some spots.

- Saucy Fuzz: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Holland: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Chris Hergenroder: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter Duo: 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown: 4; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Ryan Balthrop: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- John Hakrt Project: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Scott Bottrell's One Man Band Show: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- High Cotton: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see [florabama.com](http://florabama.com); Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Cedrick Brooks: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 6-9 p.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- 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.

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- Brandon Giles Band: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- The Wizard of Oz: 7; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center, Orange Beach.
- Christina Crystal: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Eddie 2 Kool: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Home Wind: 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- Acoustical Soul: 1; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Brittany Bell: 1; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brooks Johnson: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Open Jukebox: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Brent Warner: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- High Times: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see [florabama.com](http://florabama.com); Perdido Key.
- Cedrick Brooks: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- 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, FEB 4

- The Wizard of Oz: 2; Orange Beach Performing Arts Center, Orange Beach.
- Undertow Band: 8; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Charlie Wilson & Drew Travis: 3; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Zoe Burdett: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Christina Crystal 1; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Justin Colvard: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.



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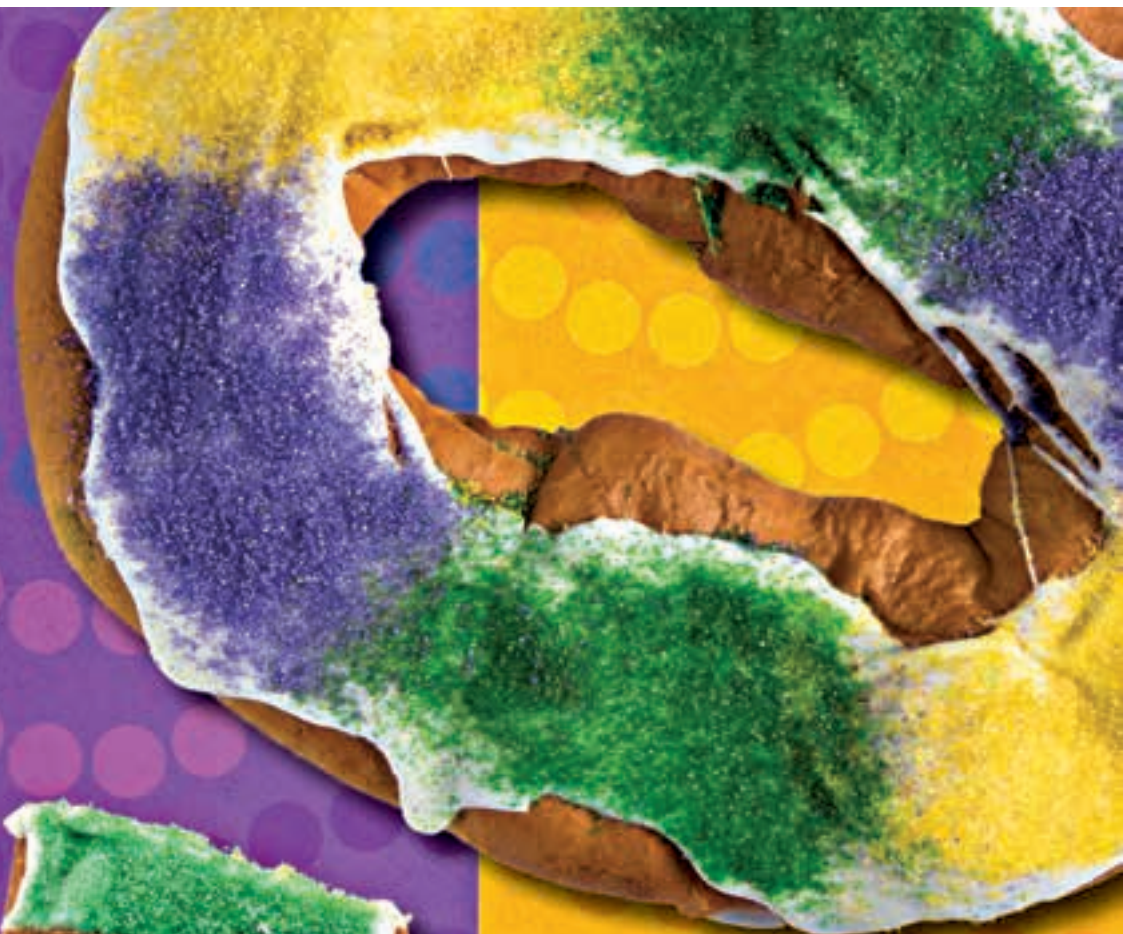
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo mourns loss of its beloved Luna

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo recently announced the passing of Luna, the gray timberwolf who arrived at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo with her siblings Jake and Jett at just 6 days old from a conservation group in Florida 13 years ago. Luna was deeply loved by her keepers and guests alike. She loved to train and listened well. Her favorite treats were shrimp and cooked sweet potato. She was often the first to rip into her enrichment of paper bags and boxes, and find interesting new scents around the exhibit to roll around in. Many guests may remember her as the “winky wolf” after she lost her right eye to bone cancer in early 2022. Unfortunately, Luna’s condition worsened recently as several inoperable masses were identified, and her quality of life became compromised. Thus, the best course of action for Luna was to humanely say goodbye.

- Brittany Grimes: noon; Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Mac Walteer: 1; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
- 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: 5; 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.mmm
- The Hubmeister: 5; Hub Stacy’s; Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

### MON, FEB 5

- Winter of Fun: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks’ Gulf Shores; reservations & info: tackyjacks.com.
- The Four Freshmen: 7; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- 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; Perdido Key.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.
- DJ Hank: 7; Gelato Joe’s; Foley.

- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco’s, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 5; 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, FEB 6

- Winter of Fun: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks’ Orange Beach; reservations & info: tackyjacks.com.
- The Four Freshmen: 7; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; Ginny Lane’s; 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.
- Gage & The Get Downs: 10; The Under-tow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke/Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

- Lisa Zanghi: 5; 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.
- 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.
- Beginner’s Pickleball: 1-4 p.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ Church, Gulf Shores.
- Texas Hold ‘em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper’s; Orange Beach.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children’s clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta’s, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

### WED, FEB 7

- The Murder Mystery That Went Wrong - Dinner Theater: 5:15 p.m.; Luna’s, Orange Beach; lunaseatanddrink.com.

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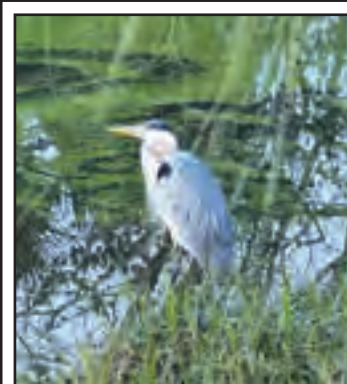
## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Matt Erdman: 5; Carver's Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Brent Varner: 7; Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 5; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

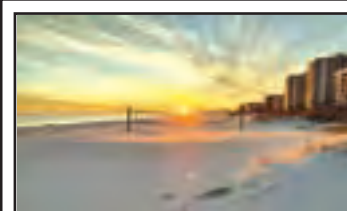
- Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 5; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Bingo w. Lisa Christian: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam . Nigel Dickie: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Just Roger: 9; Cohiba Dunes Night Club, Gulf Shores.

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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



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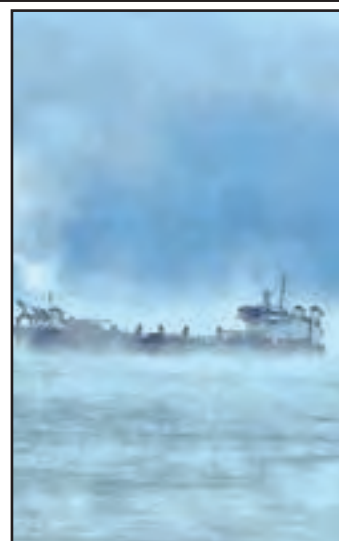
"Great balls of fire," writes Gary Knowles.



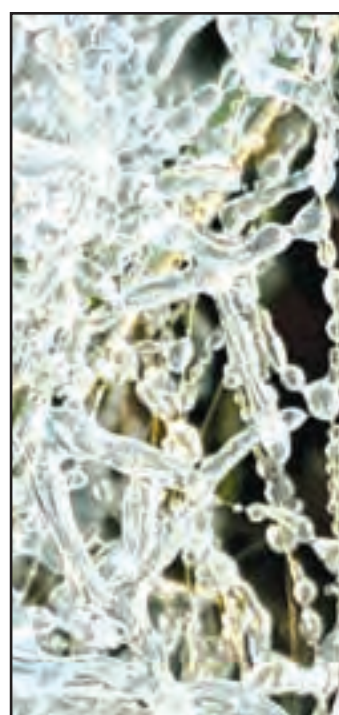
"Pelicans pontificating," writes Kathleen Sanders.



"Got any plans later," asks Rick Boes of Muskegon, MI.



From Peggy Brown.



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## Plantation Resort Church

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## Wisconsin

### By Sue Holst

The WI Sno-birds will meet on Wednesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 14, at 8:30 am for donuts and coffee with the meeting starting at 9 am at the Orange Beach Event Center (OBEC) at the Wharf. There will be information about golfing and the Picnic. Also, we collect boxtops from General Mills and Johnson & Johnson products, motel toiletries, empty printer ink cartridges and pop top rings. On Tuesday, February 13 at 10 am there will be an 8-pin No Tap Bowling Event to benefit the Christian Service Group. It will take place at Foley's Gulf Bowl where you can also sign up now to join a team for the day. Door prizes and raffles are for the bowlers as well as the spectators! This is organized by Snow Birds, but open to anyone who wants to have FUN. On Sat-

urday, February 17, Trivia Night begins at 6 pm at the OBEC at the Wharf. Sign up ahead of time with the South Baldwin Literacy Council. The Orange Beach public Library will also benefit from this event. Sheephead cards has moved to the Villagio Grille at the Wharf - Fridays from 9 am to noon - stay for lunch. For more information find us on the web - Wisconsinbirds OR call Mike at 414-303-5904.

## Euchre

### By Judy Bahnmitter

Euchre each Wednesday until the end of March; 6 pm; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44; Info: Judy 517-414-4795. Starting Jan. 4 and each Tuesday at 1 pm until the end of March; Euchre 1 pm; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44; Judy 517-414-4795.

## Illinois

### By John James

The Illinois Snowbird Club met for a potluck dinner and games on Tuesday, January 16th at the Orange Beach Senior Activity Center. After dinner, games of Whist and Five Crowns were played. Our next breakfast will be on Friday, January 26th at 7:45 AM at GT's On The Bay. Speaker will be from the Coastal Arts Center. Reservations should be made by calling Mary Lou Brunner at 219-869-1138.

## Minnesota

### By Nancy Poferi

The Minnesota Snowbird group meets weekly for breakfast Tuesday mornings Mid-January through February at GT's

on the Bay. Registration is required one-week prior to the breakfast, each week. Registration form is available on our website [www.mnal.org](http://www.mnal.org). We also host golf events weekly on Monday & Thursday's at various 18 hole courses in the area. See website for details. Email inquiries to [Mnsnowbird1@mnal.org](mailto:Mnsnowbird1@mnal.org).

## Sit & Sew Group

Son Sowers is a community of Spirit Filled individuals who welcome the opportunity to serve as God guides them. We are looking for card makers, cutting, sewing, tracing or ironing. We are cooperating with Sew Powerful, 501C, to create purposeful products: Purses for girls in Zambia. Sit and Sew is first Thursday of each month from 1-3 pm at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. Classroom A138. Contact Suzi Jackson for more info at [sewsowensuziastic@gmail.com](mailto:sewsowensuziastic@gmail.com) 205-753-0281.

## Iowa

### By Sue Holst

Iowans and their guests are encouraged to check our website, [www.iowa-alabama-gulfcoastsnowbirds.org](http://www.iowa-alabama-gulfcoastsnowbirds.org) for meeting reservations (due by noon one week prior to meeting), updates and information regarding all club events held during January through early March 2024. This year our meetings are held at 8:15, GT's On The Bay, 26189 Canal Road, Orange Beach, with a cost of \$15 per person. We will have two breakfast meetings in January and February; plus one in March. Next cocktail party will be Feb 16th (reservations are not required for these). Wear comfortable attire, bring an appetizer/dish to share and your own beverages. We meet from 5-7pm at the

Caribe, 28103 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Bldg. D, Orange Beach.

## New York

### By Frank Panczyszyn

The NY Snowbirds will meet for lunch on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of January and February, and 1st Thursday in March, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22, and Mar 7. We gather at Ginny Lanes at the Wharf in Orange Beach, AL at 11am, order off their special lunch menu, with separate checks, have guest speakers, a meeting, and door prizes. \$1.00 per person collected at registration for expenses and year end donations to the community. RSVP by 3 days prior to luncheons at [nysnowbirds@gmail.com](mailto:nysnowbirds@gmail.com).

## Yoopers Luncheon

### By Dan Inglis

The 41st Annual Michigan Yooper Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Magnolia Hall (behind Cosmos - 25753 Canal Rd.) in Orange Beach with the buffet lunch starting at noon. The buffet will include three meats, sides, cookies and drinks at all inclusive for \$19.50 collected at the door and only cash will be accepted. There will be drawings for door prizes. Reservations will be accepted through Feb. 1 by calling Dan Inglis at (906) 440-0866 or Sandy Inglis at (906) 748-5966.

## Watercolor Classes

Watercolor classes at Phoenix East meeting room. Each Tuesday 9-12 am during Jan, Feb, March. All levels welcome. Bring your materials. More info: 763-401-0455.

## Michigan

### By Dave Ferguson

Michigan's Club next meeting will be on February 1 at The Island Church, 25550 Canal Road in Orange Beach, Coffee 9 AM, meeting starts at 10 AM. The guest speaker will be Linda Spangrud and she will be talking about sea turtles. When turning into the church driveway, turn right to the church's auditorium. The club will have Breakfast at Magnolia Hall (next to Luna's) on January 25, 2024, and at G. Ts on February 8, 2024. Both will start at 8:30 and the cost is \$12.50. Tickets are available at the club meeting or call Walt Salisbury on 231-755-7999. We will be having our February membership and golf signup on Sunday, February 4 at the Live Bait Restaurant from 1-2 PM. Membership is \$5 per person. Please bring the correct change. Because Live Bait allows us to use their venue at no cost, please come early or plan to stay after and enjoy lunch. We will be playing 18 holes of golf every Monday and Wednesday until March 6, 2024. Our golf schedule can be found at [michiganclubalabama.com](http://michiganclubalabama.com). This year we are again welcoming all snowbirds to join our golf outings. To sign up, just go to website, pick the course and call the coordinator and give them your name and phone number. Our next four golf outings: 1-29-24 at Soldiers Creek Golf course, Dave Holzworth, 231-463-7181; 1/31/24 at Timber Creek Golf course, Nancy Grebe, 586-295-4345; 2/5/24 at Lost Key Golf course, Bob Imhoff, 616-897-5290; 2/7/24, Glen Lakes Golf course, Dyna Lehman, 517-983-8225. We will also be playing 9 holes of golf Tuesdays, weather permitting, at Gulf Links. Golf Center on 59. We will meet at 9:30 AM, with Tee times at 10. Info: [spbeach260@charter.net](mailto:spbeach260@charter.net) or 231-429-0952.

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## Welcome Wednesdays at 'Bama

Welcome Wednesdays potluck lunches are back at the Flora-Bama every Wednesday from Jan. 3 thru Feb. 28. The weekly lunch features live music, followed by drawings for goods, services and merchandise compliments of the Flora-Bama and local businesses. Music begins at 11 a.m. The noon buffet is \$3 per person or free for those bringing a covered dish. The Flora-Bama is located directly on the Gulf at the Florida-Alabama state line. More info: florabama.com/events.

## Fried chicken fundraisers

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will continue its 2024 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on Saturday, January 6th, February 3rd, and March 2nd from 11:00 am-1:00 pm or until supplies last. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. Adult plates will be \$12.00 and a child's plate will be \$6.00. Delivery is available on multiple plate orders. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used towards monthly lodge expenditures, providing scholarships and supporting local community and school events.

For more information contact Randy Smith at randysmith342@gmail.com or visit the lodge's Facebook page.

## Ladies golf clinics

Snowbirds, public golfers and the GlenLakes community are welcome to participate in the Tuesday ladies golf clinics every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at GlenLakes Golf Club in Foley thru April 30. Cost is \$15 per golfer, and reservations are not required. Meet in GlenLakes lobby.

## Snowbird Hootenannies

Get ready for a hoedown at the Flora-Bama. The Snowbird Hootenannies are January 25 - Sweetheart Saloon; February 8 - Mardi Gras Ho don Mambo; February 22 - Hawaiian Hoe. Entrance is \$10 per person. No tickets will be available at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at visitPerdido.com or PerdidoChamber.com, by phone at 850-492-4660, or in person at the Chamber office at 15500 Perdido KeDrive.

## Missouri

**By Mark Rethemeyer**

The Missouri Snowbirds Club of Alabama meets weekly for Breakfast at Tacky Jacks on Wednesdays, Golf Scramble at Gulf Shores Country Club on Wednesdays, and Happy Hour at Cobalt's on Mondays. We have other parties and activities planned as well, but you'll have to go to our Website to sign up. If you are from Missouri and looking to meet some other Missouri Snowbirds this is your personal invitation to join us! Some of our activities have a maximum, so don't hesitate! Go to missourisnowbirds.org or like us on facebook.

## Tacky Jacks Wacky Winter of Fun

**By Tara McMeans**

The 8th Annual Tacky Jacks Wacky Winter of Fun series continues at the Orange Beach and Gulf Shores locations. Free for all ages. Lunch on your own. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.

The series will feature regional artists and local organizations. The Gulf Shores location will host activities on Mondays and the Orange Beach Location on Tuesdays through February. Reservations can be made online at tackyjacks.com.

- Monday, January 29, 10-11:30 am (Gulf Shores); Art al Fresco "Pet Portrait in Frame Painting"; Create a custom pet portrait of your furry friend on a glass surface. Learn this easy technique. All Ages lunch and learn \$25 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online.
- Tuesday, January 30, 10-11:30 am (Orange Beach); Art al Fresco "Yarn Vase" Create an upcycled wine bottle and yarn vase. All Ages lunch and learn \$25 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.
- Monday, February 5, 10-11:30 am (Gulf Shores); Art al Fresco "Hand Painted Hats"; Create a custom hand painted fedora hat. All Ages lunch and learn \$30 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.
- Tuesday, February 6, 10-11:30 am (Orange Beach); Art al Fresco "Mardi Gras Long Sleeve Tie Dye Shirt"; Create a cus-

tom Mardi Gras tie dye long sleeve shirt. All Ages lunch and learn \$30 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.

- Monday, February 12, 10-11:30 am (Gulf Shores); Art al Fresco "Mini Masterpiece Gem Mosaic"; Create your very own gem mosaic masterpiece featuring famous historical works of art. All Ages lunch and learn \$25 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.
- Monday, February 19, 10-11:30 am (Gulf Shores); Art al Fresco "Sand Dollar Resin Necklace"; Learn how to create your own beachy necklace using a real sand dollar. All Ages lunch and learn \$25 includes a \$10 Tacky Jacks Gift Card. RSVP online. Arrive 15 minutes early.
- Tuesday, February 20, 10-11:30 am (Orange Beach); Art al Fresco "Squeegie

Painting on Canvas."

## Snowbird Trivia Night Feb. 17

The South Baldwin Literacy Council and The Orange Beach Library will host their annual snowbird trivia night on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Orange Beach Event Center at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for table decorating and set up.

You can register tables, and buy multi-gans and pick-a-pot tickets online after completing a short registration form available at southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com. Tables of eight are \$160.

Participants can also drop off payments at the Orange Beach Library (26267 Canal Rd.) or The South Baldwin Literacy Council in Foley (21441 Hwy 98 E). Deadline is Feb. 5. For more info, call

251-850-3965 or 251-233-7336. The Orange Beach Library can also register teams in their computer lab.

This year's event will include a silent auction. As always, bring your own food and drink. Prizes are awarded for best table theme.

## Wisconsin Synod Lutherans

Gulf Shores area WELS/ELS members will have local church services with Holy Communion on January 14 & 28 and February 11 & 25 at St Jude by the Sea Lutheran Church, 312 E 16th Ave, Gulf Shores. Services will start at 4 with Bible class to follow. For more info contact Jim Diehm, 231-598-0383, jkdiehm@gmail.com.

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Fried Catfish - corn meal battered	11.50
Broiled Flounder - broiled in butter & topped with roasted almonds	11.50
Fried Flounder - lightly battered and fried golden brown	11.50
Grilled Chicken - with a light touch of Greek seasonings	11.50
Chicken Creole - smothered in a spicy tomato & vegetable sauce. Served on yellow rice	11.50
Fried Chicken Tenders - batter-dipped tenders, deep-fried. Served w/ honey mustard	11.50
Country Fried Steak - served w/ cream gravy	11.50
Hamburger Steak - (5 oz) char-grilled & served w/brown gravy	11.50
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Vegetable Plate - your choice of four (4) side dishes	10.50

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Stuffed Shrimp - bacon wrapped, stuffed with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese	16.99
Fried Shrimp - tail-less	12.99
Grilled Shrimp - over yellow rice	14.99
Fried Oysters - with cocktail sauce	market
Fried Seafood Platter - shrimp, oysters, flounder, crab claws	19.99
Broiled Seafood Platter - shrimp, scallops, flounder almondine	18.99
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# Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

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"That's wonderful," the artist

exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor."

Tom: Did you ever see a catfish?

Joe: Sure!

Tom: How did it hold the rod?

My wife has evil lessons with Satan every week. I don't know how much she charges.

- The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.
- I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.
- We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages... Metamucil and Ensure.

Did you hear about the contortionist who passed away?

He died in his own arms.

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure thing."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, Sir!"

• I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

• I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks and I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

• Every time I say the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

• If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

• I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years just getting over the hill.

Doctor: "I am afraid your illness is fatal."

Patient: "Is there anything I can do? Anything at all?"

Doctor: "Mud baths. Long mud baths, as long as you can stand. Every day."

Patient: "Will this really help?"

Doctor: "No, but at least you'll get used to being in the dirt!"

- Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.
- Some of my friends exercise every day; I am watching a show I don't like because the re-

mote control fell on the floor.

• Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly, next week, it's turn signals.

- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop anytime.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- Change is inevitable, except

from a vending machine.

- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places.

He told me to quit going to those places.

Two men are on opposite sides of the river.

The first man shouts, "How do I get to the other side of the river?"

The other man yells, "You are on the other side of the river!"

How do you identify a bald eagle?

All his feathers are combed over to one side.

When I was young, a bully was trying to pick a fight with me.

He said, "My dad can whoop your dad!"

I replied, "So what, so can my mom!"

- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

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