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"Dream On" June 27-29 at O.B. Performing Arts Center

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Music Department will present the Summer 2024 edition of "Dream On: A Tribute to Classic Rock" June 27-29 at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.

"Dream On" is a classic rock tribute show dedicated to some of the greatest music of all time. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. General admission tickets are \$15. Doors open one hour before show time. The show is two hours long with no intermission. Pre-sale tickets are available at orangebeachal.gov/performingarts.

For more info, email jjlangston@orangebeachal.gov or contact the P.A.C. box office at (251) 923-0043. The Performing Arts Center box office is open from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office during the same hours.

The P.A.C. is located at 23908 Canal Road in Orange Beach. The building is on the eastern portion of the Orange Beach Middle/High School campus.

The classic rock tribute has quickly become a wildly popular addition to the Expect Excellence music musical theatre department. Due to the overwhelming audience response to the inaugural summer show last year, the decision was made to add a winter performance that also sold out.

The 21-song, high-energy concert will feature hits from classic rock icons such as AC/DC, Guns n' Roses, Bon Jovi, and the title group, Aerosmith.

"You can't help but have a smile on your face when listening to, or performing these songs," said E.E. Music Director Caleb Pittman.

"Based on the community's reaction so far, there seems to be an almost timeless connection to these classic rock songs," added Orange Beach Creative Director Jessica Langston.

The play will showcase the talents of 40 singers and musicians from talented E.E. afterschool third-graders to more experienced performers in their 50s.

"We have had some fresh faces pop up, after seeing last year's show, who wanted to get involved. It's always exciting when we get new folks, and we're thankful we have a place where they showcase their talents," Pittman said. "We are continuing to push the limits of our cast to give the community the best show possible," Pittman said with confidence. Coming off of the "Dream On Reprise" in February, the mindset has been to "really work hard to amp up the performance of each song and it helped narrow down what songs we choose to fit the show."

"Performing these all-time classics can end up being terrifying yet thrilling, all at the same time. To have the opportunity to perform these songs live, is just special. These are the most iconic songs of all time; if you mess up, people will notice. And if you are looking to rock out, sing and dance, then look no further. You don't want to miss this experience," he said.

"These shows have been so well received and we are anticipating more of the same. Don't wait too long to get your tickets for this show, because we are expecting to sell out," Langston said.



SBCF Casino Night scheduled July 26 at Foley Civic Center

On Friday, July 26, the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation (SBCF) will host its third annual Casino Night Fundraiser, held at the Foley Civic Center in downtown Foley.

The fundraiser will feature 8 to 10 casino-like table games where guests are playing for fun! Each ticket includes entry, heavy hors d'oeuvres by SugarLove Food Truck, & the opportunity to play at each of the casino tables with a predetermined amount of "play chips." Any guest with a remaining balance of chips at the end of the evening will be entered into a raffle for prizes! All gaming tables/equipment will be contracted through Bama Casino Company. No prize money will be given in exchange for playing chips.

This is a BYOB event! DJ Entertainment will be provided by Feel the Beat Entertainment, plus a digital photo booth by Cool Shots Photo Booth.

Tickets are presale only and can be purchased online at the SBCF website: sbchamberfoundation.org. Sponsorships are available and donations for raffle prizes and auction items are being accepted. Email Reagan Goff at reagan@southbaldwinchamber.com or call 251-943-5590 for sponsor info. Proceeds benefit the programs and teacher/student grants provided by the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation. SBCF was formed in 2003 to enhance the lives of the students in the community. The SBCF serves fourteen local schools in south Baldwin County.



Genealogical Society will meet

July 13 at Foley Public Library

The Baldwin County Genealogical Society will meet on July 13 at 10 a.m. in the Foley Public Library second floor meeting room. Reservations are required and guests are welcome. Email BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com with your name.

Guest Speaker is Stuart Lawrence, a resource specialist at historic Fort Morgan.

Next monthly mullet fry at St. Peter's is July 4

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will host a community fish fry on July 4 from 5-7 p.m. A hugely popular monthly community event, the fish fries will also be held on the beautiful St. Peter's campus on August 1 and September 5. Fried fish plates are available for dine-in or take-out, and plates include fried mul-

let, hushpuppies, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert and coffee or tea.

Cost is \$12. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd.10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10. More info, visit stpetersonsecour.com or call 251-949-6254.

P.K. Fishing Rodeo July 19-21 at Entertainer Bait & Tackle

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce, Entertainer Bait & Tackle and the Perdido Chamber Foundation will present its first annual Perdido Key Fishing Rodeo July 19-21 at the Entertainer Fishing Charters Dock under the Theo Baars Bridge (13506 Perdido Key Dr.)

The tourney will include four inshore and four offshore divisions covering speckled trout, redfish, mangrove snapper, flounder, red snapper, vermilion snapper, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel. Weigh-in scales will be open Saturday & Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Raffle drawings start at 5 p.m. and awards will be announced at 6 p.m.

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo Forage-to-Fork Dinner slated June 14

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will host its Forage-to-Fork Dinner on Friday, June 14 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person for the 21 and over event. Tickets are available at e.givesmart.com/oralabamagulfcoastzoo.com.

Guests will embark on an educational hike through the wilderness on the grounds of Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, guided by expert foragers Chef Tanner Hammond, The Mushroom Man, and Natasha Freeman from Bee-Lightful Botanicals. They explore the landscape, discovering hidden treasures: wild edibles.

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Blue Angels open practices June 12, 18 25 & 26 at NAS Pensacola

The world's best flight demonstration team, Pensacola's own Blue Angels, will host open practices onboard NAS Pensacola on June 12, 18, 25 and 26. Gates open at 9:30 a.m., and the Blues take off at 10:30 a.m.

The Blue Angels will sign autographs in the Naval Air Museum atrium following many of the shows. Visit navalaviationmuseum.org for more info.

Other Blue Angels practices are scheduled July 16, 17, 23; August 21, 27; September 4, 10, 11, 17, 24; and October 16, 22, 23. The Blue Angels Pensacola Beach show is July 13.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will join the U.S. Navy Blue Angels during the NAS based team's Pensacola's Homecoming Air Show Nov. 1-2.

"Having our military's top flight demonstration teams perform at the 'Cradle of Naval Aviation' will undoubtedly be an experience you won't want to miss," NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Terry Shashaty said.

All U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals 18 and older must have a state-issued identification card or passport to enter NAS Pensacola.

The Blue Angels were formed 1946 to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy morale. Fat Albert was added as a support aircraft to move equipment between show sites in 1949.

Jeep raffle tickets on sale for July 20-21 Illuminating Autism FUNraiser at Pirates Cove

The draw down board has been dusted off and tickets offering the opportunity to win two 2024 Jeep Wranglers are still available (they will sell out) for the Annual Autism FUNraiser at Pirates Cove in Josephine on July 20-21. Separate draw-downs for the jeeps start at noon on Saturday and Sunday. More info: High-Hopes4Autism .org.

The FUNraiser features three days of food and fun, a local art walk, and live music from an eclectic assortment of local musicians beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.

on Saturday and Sunday. Already registered for the artwalk are Steve Dark, Nick Cantrell, Aaron Lynn, Frankie Crawford, Loretta Brown, Maya Blume-Cantrell, Anne Webb, Erick Olsen, Melanie Klass, Caitlin McCann, Kevin Cobb, Ryan Caver, Tara Gifford, Amy Osbor and Talia Lumpkin. More artists will be added.

The highlight of the weekend will be the draw-downs for the Jeeps provided by Gulf Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Foley, especially when negotia-

tions start and tension mounts during the final few rounds. For volunteer or other info, call 251-986-7007.

High Hopes is the local nonprofit specializing in language development and social behavior therapy for school-age children. Founded in 2009, the school is located on the campus of Saint Benedict Catholic School in Elberta. The organization serves preschool age children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder, specializing in language development and social be-

havior necessary for integration in a traditional classroom environment.

The fundraiser annual raises around \$60,000 for the non-profit, and, like the school itself, has continued to expand since 2009.

"So many people look forward to this each year, and we couldn't be more pleased with the community support," said High Hopes Director Rachael Mueller. "Not only is it a fun beach weekend, but it is our center's only fundraiser."



PERDIDO CHAMBER MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



PERDIDO KEY CHAMBER HONORS CENTURIAN WW II VET LT. COM. CASH BARBER AT MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its first-ever Military Appreciation Luncheon at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club in honor of Military Appreciation Month. The May 23 luncheon provided a unique opportunity to come together to honor both active duty and retired service members. About 60 attendees heard an inspiring keynote message from Rear Admiral Kyle Cozad (USN) Retired. Cozad is currently the President & CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. The Perdido Key Area Chamber Foundation presented the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon with a plaque for being the number one support group in the entire nation for Wreaths Across America. Last year, the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon placed 28,000 wreaths at Barrancas National Cemetery. World War II vet LCDR Clyde "Cash" Barber was recognized for his 30 years of service in the military and ongoing efforts to support and remember our military at the National Naval Aviation Museum. Barber recently celebrated his 100th birthday. **(Photos by Daly Photography)**





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Walton County, FL shark attack victims include two Alabama teens

By Fran Thompson

South Walton County, Florida Fire District lifeguards hung red and purple caution flags on Seacrest Beach (about 90 miles east of Orange Beach) on June 6 after two teenage girls from Mountain Brook were victims of a shark attack earlier that day. The girls were in waist deep water with a group of friends when the attack occurred. One teen, Lulu Gribbin, lost her leg and her hand (see her mom's report below). The other teen received flesh wounds to her right foot.

Another shark attack occurred less than two hours earlier at Water Sound Beach, located about four miles to the west of Seacrest Beach. Elisabeth Foley, 45, of Virginia sustained severe injuries to her midsection and pelvic area and lost her left hand. She was swimming with her husband when attacked.

Officials do not know what kind of shark bit the victims, but they stated that a bull shark was the likely culprit. Police spotted numerous bull sharks near the area the morning following the attacks. Officials stressed that shark sightings on Northwest Florida beaches are not uncommon. But shark attacks are rare.

In June 2005, a 14-year-old girl from Louisiana on a boogie board 250 yards from shore was pulled under by a shark and bit in the legs. She died as a result.

In June 2021, a 14-year-old boy was swimming 40

yards from the shore in Grayton Beach when he was bit in the chest area. He survived.

"We want to reiterate that sharks are always present in the Gulf," the Walton County Sheriff's Dept. posted. "Swimmers and beachgoers should be cautious when swimming and stay aware of their surroundings. We know we share the water with sharks. We understand as tragic as this is, they are always in the water."

The International Shark Attack File (ISAF) investigated 120 shark-human interactions in 2023. Of the 69 unprovoked attacks, 16 were in Florida.

There were 14 fatal shark attacks worldwide last year, more than double the five-year average of six. The ISAF noted three of the unprovoked and fatal attacks in Australia were from Great White sharks attacking surfers. There were no shark attacks reported along Alabama's 50 miles of coast in 2023.

Since 1837, Alabama ranks just 11th in the U.S. for unprovoked shark attacks with 10. There were 928 confirmed attacks in Florida during the same time span.

Surfers accounted for 42 percent of all shark bites worldwide. The majority of unprovoked shark attacks are test bites, which occur when a shark misidentifies a human as their normal prey.

"While we've had some of those here along our history, they're highly unusual, extremely unusual for two to happen in the same afternoon and within four miles of

each other," said South Walton Fire District Chief Ryan Crawford.

Pictured: The Walton County Sheriff's Office Beach Marine Unit continues to monitor the shoreline and the beaches following the recent shark attacks there. "We want to reiterate that sharks are always present in the Gulf. Swimmers and beachgoers should be cautious when swimming and be aware of their surroundings at all times," the office posted.



"Pray for us to have the right words to lift her up and encourage her."

Ann Blair Gribbin, the mother of Lulu Gribbin, the Mountain Brook teen who lost a hand and leg to a shark attack 90 miles east of Orange Beach on a Walton County shark attack, posted a June 9 update on her daughter's condition on the Caring Bridge website:

By Ann Blair Gribbin

I wanted to share Lulu Gribbin's story so that everyone can continue to pray for this sweet and beautiful child of ours. Lulu and her twin sister, Ellie, and I headed down from Birmingham to the beach with some of their friends and their moms on Wednesday June 5. It was our first mother daughter beach trip, and we were all incredibly excited. Our first two days were amazing on the beach being with friends and going to dinners.

Friday, we decided to walk down from where we were staying right outside Rosemary Beach for lunch. After lunch we were walking back on the beach to the girls and everyone on the beach was standing looking out into the water. No one was in the water and all we heard was there was a shark and we started to look as well. My friend called both her daughters and they were not answering so she started to panic and said there is something wrong and started running and so we all did.

The beach was packed with people just looking. I came up on a group of people surrounding someone on the ground and looked down and it was Lulu who was there. Ellie found me and said Mom it's Lulu. I saw her wounds on her leg and said Mom scream. She was lifeless her eyes closed mouth white and pale. The wound on her leg or all that was left of her leg was something out of a movie. I finally made it back to her and held her hand and she saw me, and I told her I was there. Her eyes were open.

I had no idea how long she had been there or what had happened. Almost immediately the beach truck was there and the EMT's loaded her onto a board and

put her back in the truck and wheeled her off, she was air lifted away. One of my Mom friends immediately got me and Ellie up to house and in the car. We were told she was going one place and then finally got an answer she was going to Sacred Heart in Pensacola. This was an hour and 20-minute drive. We prayed the entire way. My friend who was driving was a God send for me and Ellie and knew exactly what to pray. All I could say over and over was please be alive please breathe. No one we called could give us any information.

We got to Sacred Heart and Lulu was already in surgery, but they answered my prayer that she was alive, and her vitals were good. Joe met me there and we waited for the surgeons to come and talk to us. Once they did we were informed that the shark had bitten off Lulu's left hand and that they had to amputate her right leg halfway up from her knee to her hip. She also had lost 2/3 of the blood in her body. Of course, no one wants that for your child but she is alive. They also told us that Lulu may be intubated for the next week or so and would need 4-5 surgeries to finalize her amputations.

Yesterday, Saturday Lulu did not have surgery like we expected and her vitals were exactly what the team of doctors and nurses wanted. She did so well that they ended up taking the tube out of her throat and she was breathing on her own. This was a first big step. Once she was settled her first words to us were "I made it." And boy she did.

Lulu relived the story of what happened on the beach that day. There were 6 friends all at the first sand bar about waist high looking for sand dollars. Probably about the hundreds of other people in the water that day. I am not sure who noticed the shark first, but Lulu said it bit her hand and then her leg and then went for her other friend and got her foot. Lulu said a man grabbed her other arm and pulled her out and an-

other younger boy helped him carry her to shore. Once on the shore there were two doctors and two other young women one of whom was a nurse who were all surrounding Lulu. These individuals put tourniquets on Lulu's wounds. Which I believe was crucial to saving Lulu's life. She was then taken by the beach truck and airlifted to Sacred Heart in Pensacola where we are now.

I am eternally grateful for the 3 surgeons and all the nursing staff and doctors here at this hospital who saved Lulu. I am grateful for the doctors and nurses on the beach that day. I am grateful for the EMT's on the beach and the crew in the air. I am grateful for the individual who pulled her out of the water. At this point we will have multiple surgeries in the days to come and our lives will be forever changed. Lulu is strong, beautiful, brave and so many more things I can't count. God has a plan for her, and we will be there to support her every way we can.

We appreciate the outpouring of love and support that we have been shown. All the text messages, videos, instagrams, facebook posts, calls etc have lifted us all up. Please continue to pray for Lulu. Pray for her to have strength to get through whatever is coming her way. Pray for her healing to be fast and pain to be as minimal as possible. She is worried about not fitting in and people making fun of her. I need prayers for everyone to be understanding and to show her grace. I also need prayers for Lulu to know that her hand and her leg do not define who she is. Please pray for Joe and I to give her strength and be the rock she needs. Pray for us to have the right words to lift her up and encourage her. I also would like prayers for all the girls that were on the beach with her and the trauma they have endured. Sweet Lulu is more worried for her friends than she is herself, which is a testament to her character. I know this was a terrible accident, but God was there and had the people there who helped save her life. Lulu said she felt God in the back of the beach truck. She is truly a miracle. We have a long road ahead and our journey is just beginning!"



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Makos Academics, Arts and Athletics Club Gala Aug. 10 at PBR

Impact Award recipient Kelly Cleere will be recognized at the 5th annual event

Tickets are now on sale for the Makos Academics, Arts, and Athletics Club Gala, sponsored by Perdido Beach Resort, on Saturday, August 10. Tables of 12 seats are available for \$1,500 each, while individual tickets are \$150. Local educators in the Orange Beach City School System can buy tickets for \$50 this year with the special code MAAAC24. Tickets to the MAAAC GALA may be bought through sponsor Perdido Beach Resort at perdido beachresort.com.

All proceeds from ticket and table sales will support the MAAAC Annual Scholarship Fund for graduating high school seniors from Orange Beach. Proceeds raised from the MAAAC Gala Silent Auction support educational opportunities and programs for Orange Beach City School students.

The first ever MAAAC Impact Award recipient will be recognized for their contribution service to the O.B. community and its schools. This year's honoree is Kelly Cleere, a much-loved local educator and math tutor.

"Kelly embodies the values of the award," gala chair Shelli Semiklose said. "It recognizes individuals like Kelly, who selflessly give their time and talents to make a lasting impact on the community. Kelly's dedication to her students and her unwavering support for Orange Beach City Schools have truly had a positive and lasting impact on all of us. This is our opportunity to say thank you."

"We are honored to be hosting the 5th annual MAAAC Gala and share our support for the Orange Beach City Schools," said Penny Groux, director of corporate affairs for Perdido Beach Resort. "Hosting this event each year is a highlight for our resort, and we are thrilled to unite with the community to raise funds for the scholarship Fund and the many extracurricular activities the school offers. This event not only celebrates the achievements of our students, but also reinforces our commitment to their future success. We look forward to a night of community, music, dancing, and giving back to our local schools."

The silent auction, chaired by Cindy Long, will raise money to support all three schools. The auction committee includes Marlo Webb, Monica Covington and Lindsey Sloan.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support Orange Beach City Schools and enjoy a night of fun. Cocktail Attire is suggested. Contact MAAC Development Coordinator Melaine Bennett at 251-200-8037 or email melainebennett@obmaaac.org with questions or to donate.

Each academic year, MAAAC sponsors fundraising events, organizes volunteers, and raises funding from community business partners, parents, and individuals who want to improve the success and future growth for Orange Beach K-12 students. Since its start in 2019, MAAAC has raised and distributed more than \$1.5 million to support Orange Beach City students in their academic, artistic, and athletic programs. To get involved or contribute to MAAAC student initiatives, visit obmaaac.org.



53rd Bill Hargreaves Fishing Rodeo June 13-16 at Grande Lagoon Yacht Club

By Fran Thompson

The Bill Hargreaves Fishing Rodeo started on Mother's Day in 1971. There were 18 anglers.

Roberta Kent knows this because she was there.

Currently co-chair of the annual event with her husband Kent, Roberta was there in support of the rodeo's founder and namesake, who happens to be her father.

"I didn't live up here then, but I came up every year," Roberta said. "And it has always been about the kids. It's about watching the kids have fun and keeping dad's memory alive."

"That's what makes this so special. If it were not for the kids, there would be no point. It's not about catching big fish," she added.

Hargreaves believed that involving both parents and children in a family fishing event would strengthen the family unit as a whole and that would keep children from turning to drugs.

"I thought if I could get to them before they got involved in that stuff, that would be the thing to do," he said.

The rodeo event was changed to Father's Day weekend in the late 1980's, and planning now starts in early January. It takes about a dozen volunteers working hundreds of hours to make the tourney happen.

"So many people volunteer and are so many others are donors every year, and, of course, we couldn't do it without the tremendous support from the Grande Lagoon Yacht Club," Roberta said. "It really is awesome see a bunch of people come together for each year."

Hargreaves started the rodeo as a way to fight the war on drugs in this country. Bill thought that a fishing rodeo would be a good family event to promote what was then a Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon initiative.

The entry fee that first year was 25 cents and the tourney proceeds added up to only \$12.50. From that very humble beginning, the Hargreaves Rodeo continues to grow.

It is now a four-day event, starting with the June 13 captains' meeting. Anglers fish and weigh-in their catch on Friday (5-8 p.m.) and Saturday (4-8 p.m.), and the event ends with a Sun-

day fish-fry from 11:30 - 2 p.m. and the 2 p.m. awards ceremony.

Fish fry ticket holders are eligible for door prize drawings. Fish-fry tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All events are held at Grande Lagoon Yacht Club.

Prizes are presented to the King & Queen (largest open division fish by male & female), Prince & Princess (largest junior division fish by male & female), and youngest boy and girl. As is a longstanding tradition, the junior angler catching the largest croaker will win a fishing kayak.

Thanks to its sponsors, the tourney includes cash awards totaling \$7,200 in 12 different open categories. But more important to the tourney's founding theme are the 30 fish categories in the junior division. The Hargreaves Rodeo awards the most prizes to junior anglers of any rodeo on the Gulf Coast.

There is no charge for children to fish in the tourney and that combined with the adult charge of \$30 per angler, rodeo entry is affordable for all.

Robert Turpin, manager of Escambia County's Marine Resources Division, has volunteered as the weigh-in master for the past 30 years and GLYC Commodore Terry Smith will be the awards ceremony MC.

Bill Hargreaves, Jr., who lives in Margate, will also be part of the festivities.

"We used to use the fish from the tourney for the fish-fry, if people wanted to donate them. We spent a lot of time fileting fish," Roberta said.

"Now we actually buy the fish and if anybody wants to leave their fish in the cooler, Robert will take them back to Fish & Wildlife and feed them to the critters down there."

Roberta said her father would be proud that the rodeo he started to give children a special day is still going strong 53 years later.

"Without all the people coming together and helping, we couldn't have this event," she said.

For more tourney info or to register, visit billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com.

Pictured: Bill Hargreaves at the 1999 Hargreaves Rodeo and fishing with his grandson, Robert Kimball.

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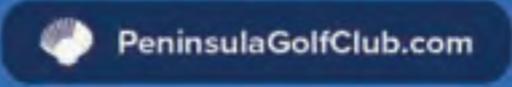
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Saucy Funky Collective Extravaganza slated June 28 at Big Beach Brewery

Two Gulf Shores based bands, Saucy FuzZ, and Funky Lampshades will be joined by Daphne's Phil J and The Collective for a multi-band bill in support of the Funky Lampshades EP release party at Big Beach Brewery on June 28 beginning at 4 p.m.

Billed as the Big Beach Saucy Funky Collective Extravaganza, the event is a celebration of the EP release and also a fundraising event to help all three of the bands book studio time, fund tours, and continue to create great music.

"It will not only be beneficial for the musicians, but for our community," said Funky Lampshades' guitarist Austin Thompson. "There will be new merchandise, new music, special guests, great beer and a few surprises. We are really excited to share this special occasion with our community."

Mystery Theatre Dinner on stage June 15 at Foley's Big Red Barn

The Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall (The Big Red Barn) at 12615 Foley Beach Express in Foley will host a mystery theatre dinner on June 15 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the performance of "Dead Noses Smell No Roses," a who-done-it play written and directed by Baldwin County's own Barbara Ladnier.

Tickets are \$65 per person and include a delicious southern BBQ buffet complete

with non-alcoholic drinks, 2.5 hours of hilarity, and free parking. A cash bar is available. Advance reservations are required and can be made at mobilemysterydinners.com or you can save online fees by calling 251-978-2462 for reservations.

In the play, the entire town of Toad Suck, Alabama is at the funeral of Beaugard Thigpen. People are whispering that he was murdered because absolutely no one liked him. Maybe he died from a heart attack caused by Alabama's tragic loss to Clemson! The whole town went into mourning on that day and Beaugard Thigpen was no exception. After all, he always did everything to the extreme!

Beau, as he was called, was the local bookie and president of the Benevolent Order of Armadillo Club, where nefarious and undercover illegal activities took place. So some are happier about his death than others. The play even includes a guest appearance from Maury Povich (Charles Searse), who was invited to the funeral by Bubba, his biggest fan. However, Bubba may regret inviting his idol, because Mr. Povich has some news Bubba might not like. Maybe he died from a heart attack caused by Alabama's tragic loss to Clemson! The whole town went into mourning on that day and Beaugard Thigpen was no exception. After all, he always did everything to the extreme! Beau, as he was called, was the local bookie and president of the Benevolent Order of Armadillo Club., where nefarious and undercover illegal activities took place. So some are happier about his death than others. The play even includes a guest appearance from Maury Povich.

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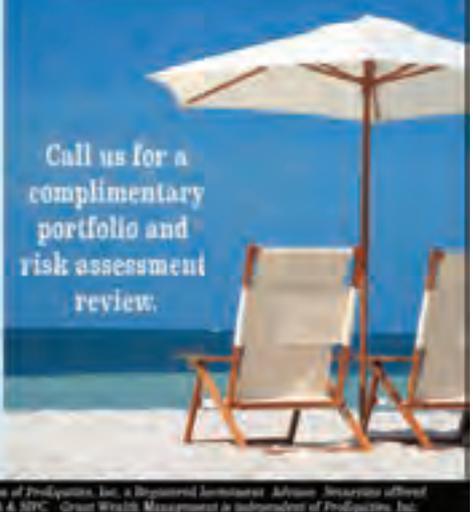


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Dierks Bentley on tap June 28 at Wharf Amphitheater

Dierks Bentley, with special guests Chase Rice & Tyler Bradenwill, make a tour stop on June 28 at The Wharf Amphitheater at 7 p.m. Buy tickets online at Ticketmaster.com or at The Wharf Box Office.

Bentley, touring in support of his 2023 Gravel & Gold album, has been pumping out country music hits while having serious fun on stage for the past 20 years.

Expect him to play around 20 songs, half of them no. 1 hits from his 10-album catalog. He has also been covering Garth Brooks' "Callin' Baton Rouge" and Townes Van Zandt's "White Freight Liner."



The band's encores have included a medley that includes other Garth songs as well as hits by Tim McGraw, Shania Twain, Diamond Rio, Jo Dee Messina and Billy Ray Cyrus.

Bentley, who has won multiple Grammys American Music Awards, and Country Music Awards, burst onto the country music scene in 2003 when his self-titled debut album's toe-tapping first single, "What Was I Thinkin'," climbed to the top of the Billboard country charts. Since then, he's had 20 country No. 1s and a string of platinum albums.

"I moved to Nashville in 1994 – and I was trying to find that seed of truth, that authenticity, that thing "country music" that I had in my head, Bentley said in PBS's Country Music documentary. "I got here and it was definitely different than I expected it to be.

"It's big business, a lot of money. Luckily, for me, I found a little bar called the Station Inn where bluegrass music existed and I found what I was looking for. Just the sound of a five-piece bluegrass band blew my mind. They're not trying to take meetings and meet producers, and get their foot in the door. It's funny, I moved to Nashville looking for country music, but I found bluegrass."

After a year at the University of Vermont and a transformative trip with his father to Nashville, Bentley transferred to Vanderbilt, graduating in 1997. He got a day job at The Nashville Network, researching old footage of performances. He played in bars and worked on demo tracks at night.

After five dues-paying years, he was signed to Capitol Records. He has since become a superstar with the awards, album sales and sold-out concerts to support that assertion. But he said he still gets butterflies before going on stage..

"It doesn't matter where we play. It all feels like the ultimate awards show when you're there and your band's there and the crew is in the wings, and the crowd's all fired up. It doesn't get any better than that," he said. "You can't replicate the live experience. Everything else in this business has changed but doing live shows is still how you do things."

Other concerts already booked at The Wharf

Jun 30: Bert Kreischer's Fully Loaded Comedy Fest; Jul 19: Parker McCollum; Aug 1: Coral Reefer Band - Jimmy Buffett Tribute; Aug 2: Kane Brown; Aug 16: Foreigner, Styx & John Waite; Aug 17: Jordan Davis, Mitchell Tenpenney & Ashley Cooke; Aug 23: Train, REO Speedwagon & Yacht Rock Revue; Oct 5: Jon Pardi.

Tips for saving money on summer electric bills

The Dept. of Energy offers the following strategies to stay cool while keeping utility bills down during hot Gulf Coast summers

- Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day.
- The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting when you return home.
- Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you first turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.
- When you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside (not just to the attic).
- Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment.
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Vacuum your air intake vents regularly to remove any dust buildup.
- Consider lighting options that operate at cooler temperatures.
- Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.
- Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.
- Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home. Set your water heater at 120 degrees.
- Ceiling fans, exhaust fans, and AC unit fans should be turned off in the cooler parts of the day.
- Thermostats should be set at 78 degrees or no more than 20 degrees below the outdoor temperature.
- Leave space in between food in the fridge to prevent interior air vent blockages and open fit or short periods.
- Operate dryers and dishwashers at night on hot days and let dishes air dry.
- Wash clothes in cold water using a high spin cycle and use the dishwasher only when it's full.
- Avoid using major appliances between 2 and 8 p.m.



One of Foley's oldest downtown buildings set to re-open

After being closed since 2007, one of Foley's oldest buildings will reopen this fall as the Colt Grill Barbecue and Spirits restaurant. Renovation work has been going on for more than a year at what was originally the Foley Bakery at the corner of North Alston Street and West Laurel Avenue. The restaurant specializes in smoked meat barbecue and will also offer entrees such as hamburgers, salads and tacos. The building renovation will also include adding several employee apartments and a restaurant office on the second floor.

The building was constructed in 1925 and served as a bakery for many years. It was most recently the site of a restaurant that closed in 2007. Foley acquired the historic building in 2012 to preserve the site and later sold the structure to developers Mark Wright and Jeremy Freidman, who have been working to renovate the building and attract a great tenant for the historic site.

The Colt Grill is one of several businesses that will soon open in downtown Foley. The building that had housed Fortis College is being renovated as the new location of Camellia Dermatology. The law firm of Milam and Milam is moving into a location on East Laurel Ave. and Cheeseburger Randys will be opening on Alston St. The former Jan's Art Studio on East Laurel Ave. will be converted into the South Baldwin Social.

"We have been waiting two years for this and for the last year, we have been trying to keep quiet about who is exactly moving in, so it is my pleasure to let the cat out of the bag," said Mayor Ralph Hellmich at a recent Main Street Foley organized gathering announcing the opening.

Colt Grill has four locations in Arizona. Clouston said they chose Foley for the newest location after considering many communities in the region.

"We've opened up restaurants in local Arizona cities and we have chosen Foley to put down roots here because it's just an amazing place," said Brenda Marie Clouston, one of the owners.

City Rhythm Big Band Independence Dance July 4 in Loxley

The City Rhythm Big Band will host a July 4 Independence Day Dance at The Loxley Civic Center from 4-7 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. Other dances at the venue: July 27 - Late Summer Dance; Sept 2 - Labor Day Dance; Oct 26 - Fall Dance; Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Dance; Dec 28 - Christmas.

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SBLC student success celebration at Hotel Magnolia

Foley's South Baldwin Literacy Council recently highlighted the accomplishments of its students at a recent student success celebration at The Hotel Magnolia.

After-school youth tutoring program students honored for testing above grade level on their reading assessments at its Foley campus included Valeria Angeles, Madison Coley, Weston Johnson, Luna Kressler, Jazmin Martinez, Levi Miller, Ezra Renforth, Luke Sewell, Axel Snyder, Carter Stone, Raymond Williams-Wilson and Briar Wilson. Recognized from the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club were Nolan Amaya, Xander Barton, Ian Chadwell, Sadie Clark, Branson Kelly and Aiden Rios. Ruff Wilson Youth Organization's after school tutoring award winners were Kayleigh Brown, Hassan Davis, Caitlyn Gardner and Kennedy Seals.

The gala celebrated the accomplishments of SBLC students across all programs. Families, friends, volunteers, Gulf Coast Media and Foley city council members were attended.

"We are incredibly grateful to The Hotel Magnolia for hosting this event and our dedicated tutors and staff for helping each of these students achieve their goals," said SBCT Director Mitchell Lee.

Honorees passing TABE-E English as a second language exams were Foley High's Daniel Aranzazu, Yasmin Diaz, Salvador Esquivel, Anly Galo, Edin Gomez, Donis Hernandez, Veronika Honcharenko, Viktoriia Honcharenko, Claudio Lopez, Joseph Martinez, Alexandra Mejia, Edil Mejia, Merly Millian, Thy Nguyen, Andrea Nieto, Dalila Pedraza, Maria Pineda, Arelis Romero, Jose Rosales, Cristian Rosales and Maria Tejada.

Also passing exams were SBLC's Lucyana Alarcon, Camila Mora Barerra, Silda Cabon, Teresa Cameron, Wilmer Cardona, Iranahis Castellanos, Kleber

Costa, Ricardo Gomez, Gabriel Gutierrez, Karla Gutierrez, Ruperta Juarez, Olena Koltsova-David, Su'redna Lima, Blendi Martinez, QingQing Meng, Elbia Moreno, Iryna Nabors, Julia Ocegüera, Lana Orlova, Gabriela Pena, Edmundo Perez, Nadia Pohrebniak, Teresa Quintera, Simone Ramos, Gudalupe Reguett, Mauricio Salinas, Marcia Salter, Clara Sanchez, Ana Maria Simon, Eliana Story, Issis Turcios, Alejandro Hernandez Valle, Stephanie Wilson, Joana Yves and Jason Zhang.

SBLC also presented official GED graduate certificate to students passing all four parts of the exam: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math.

Honorees were Autumn Austin, Tylor Bishop, Haily Brown, Julien Chavez, Adrianna Clark, Nelson Clayton, Jeffrey Espino, Adrienne Etheridge, Anthony Ferry, Trinity Ford, Owen Kelly, Kensley Lamon, Jackson Lewis, Ariel Madden, Omar Martinez, William Maw, Deyla Moreno, Michaela O'Brien, Cedric Orr, Patrick Overcast, Lincoln Rew, Dakota Richardson, Franklin Rodriguez, Alexis Schuetze, Brandon Smith, Scarlett Sturdivant, Brett Trawick, Natalie UTZ, Jalyn Verret and Corbin Woerner. SBLC also honored students from its adult basic education program.

"This incredible event highlighted the successes of students across all of our programs and what they have accomplished allows these students to pursue higher education, trade school, and better employment opportunities. We are incredibly proud of them," Lee said. "Please wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

For more SBLC info, call 251 - 943 - 7323, email southbaldwinliteracycouncil@gmail.com or stop by the campus at 21441 Hwy 98 East during open hours.



"Around the world in 40 books"

The South Baldwin Literacy Council staff and more than 40 volunteers have been hard at work gearing for a "Around the World in 40 Books," which kicked off the summer on June 3 at Mathis Elementary.

while taking part in some pretty cool experiences. Friends meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Email susan@southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com for more info.

Spirit Days at Gelato Joe's, Wild Wings

Support local literacy while you enjoy wings and things during SBLC's spirit meals at Foley restaurants Buffalo Wild Wings and Gelato Joe's. The restaurants will donate a portion of the proceeds to SBLC on designated days.

The next Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Night is Wednesday, June 19 from 4-9 p.m. It is located at 2600 S. McKenzie St.

The next Gelato Joe's Spirit Day is July 2 from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. Enjoy a delicious appetizer, decadent pasta and top it off with homemade dessert. Gelato Joe's is located at 202 E. Michigan Ave.

Volunteers are always welcome

Volunteers serve as the backbone of SBLC. Schedules are flexible and a wide array of volunteer opportunities are available. Plus, it is a surefire way to make an immediate positive difference in the community.

Adopt-A-Student is \$26 monthly

Through the generosity of grants and donations, SBLC is able to provide free educational programs and services to community members of all ages. For only \$26 a month, supporters can sponsor students in Baldwin County and allow them to improve their futures through education!

Friends of SBLC outreach

Friends of SBLC supports the Councils' community outreach efforts and advocates for literacy needs in Baldwin County - all

SBLC established in Foley in 1983

SBLC was established in 1983 as a grass roots non-profit offering free or low cost educational services for local residents. Its mission is to empower community members of all ages, races, and backgrounds through educational equality. Seven staff members, a board of directors and volunteers are committed to meeting the learning needs of South Baldwin County learners of all ages, backgrounds and educational levels.



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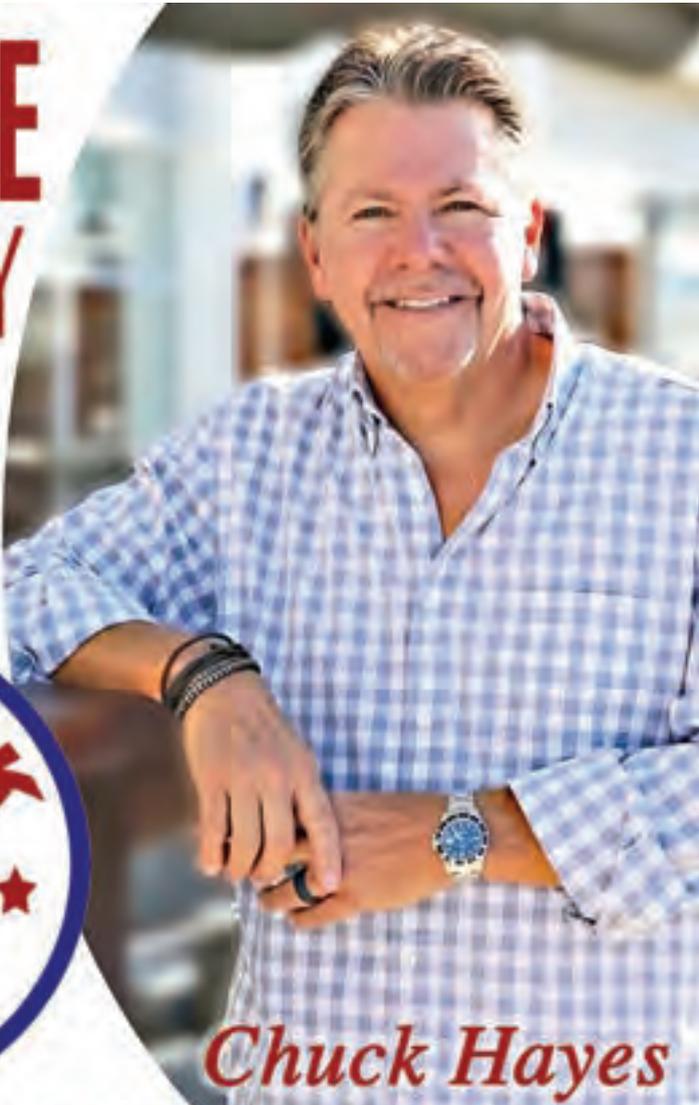
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- June 13: Oyster Shell Decoupage - Using recycled oyster shells from our restaurants, you will create a colorful and artistic piece to bring a touch of the coast to your home.
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- June 27: Oyster Shell Decoupage - Using recycled oyster shells from the park's restaurants, you will create a colorful and artistic piece to bring a touch of the coast to your home.

To register for more info, visit learningcampusgsp.com, call 251-923-3101 or email info@learningcampusgsp.com.

Christmas in July at Lillian Community Center on July 20

Christmas In July will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m./until 3 p.m. at the Lillian Community Center at 34148 Widell Ave. Food will be available for purchase from Sally's Island Catering. Expect to find tupperware, floral arrangements, wreaths, pottery, embroidery items and jewelry. For more info call Kay at 251-504-1704.



BOAT FIRE ON PERDIDO BAY: Lillian Fire Rescue swiftly responded to a June 4 boat fire call on Perdido Bay near the Hwy. 98 bridge, with assistance from Perdido Beach Volunteer Fire Departments, Orange Beach Fire Rescue & Alabama Marine Police. The Orange Beach Fire Boat put out the fire on the sinking boat.



Birmingham's Rickwood Field will be MLB epicenter on June 20

Alabama will be the center of the Major League baseball universe on June 20, even though the Yellowhammer State is not home to any of the league's 30 teams.

Birmingham's Rickwood Field, opened on Aug. 18, 1910, is older than both Fenway Park and Wrigley Field, and it will host its first-ever regular season Major League Baseball game, when the St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco Giants play in a special tribute to the Negro Leagues.

The three day fest will attract the giants of the game, including Willie Mays, who played with the Birmingham Black Barons in the Negro League before he played for the Giants.

On June 18, America's oldest professional ballpark will host a Double-A game between the Montgomery Biscuits and Birmingham as part of MLB's festivities honoring the Negro League. A celebrity baseball game will be held at the field as part of MLB's Juneteenth Celebration. The Negro Southern League Museum in Birmingham will also be part of the celebration.

More than one-quarter of the 8,300 seated tickets being sold for the MLB game were made available to youth-based organizations in Birmingham at no cost. Alabama residents were also given precedence in an April lottery for tickets. As of June 10, tickets were selling for \$250 per on the secondary market.

MLB has dedicated a page on its website promoting the game (MLB.com/rickwood).

"The legacy of the Negro Leagues and its greatest living player, Willie Mays, is one of excellence and perseverance," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "We look forward to sharing the stories of the Negro Leagues throughout this event."

Mays, 92, is generally considered baseball's greatest living player. After playing with Birmingham, the Alabama native (Westfield) signed with the New York Giants and was voted the 1951 National League Rookie of the Year while leading the Giants to the NL pennant.

In addition to Mays, Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Cool Papa Bell, Yogi Berra, Roy Campanella, Oscar Charleston, Roberto Clemente, Joe DiMaggio, Larry Doby, Rube Foster, Lou Gehrig, Josh Gibson, Monte Irvin, Reggie Jackson, Buck Leonard, Biz Mackey, Mickey Mantle, Connie Morgan, Stan Musial, Satchel Paige, Frank Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Duke Snider and Honus Wagner played on the hallowed grounds of Rickwood Field, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Black Barons called Rickwood Field home from 1924 through 1960.

Rickwood Field was the site of the final Negro League World Series game in October 1948. Mays' Black Barons lost to the Homestead Grays in five games.

The Barons have played since 2013 at Regions Field, about three miles away. They play one game annually to Rickwood as a tribute to the team's history.

MLB is paying to install new grass and outfield wall padding, enlarge the dugouts, extend nets around the field and add a big screen to the park.

"This field is special because 182 hall of famers have played here and that include greats of the game from the Negro leagues like Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson and then Babe Ruth played here and Ty Cobb," said Gerald Watkins, executive director of the Friends of Rickwood. He added that the improvements will have long term benefits for the park.

"We were at the point where there were many things we couldn't get done and the promise of MLB coming here caused the city to step up in a big way and really put the ballpark back in shape. It is a blessing and it will allow Rickwood Field to be relevant for a long time to come," Watkins said.

St. Louis will be the home team for the game, scheduled to start shortly after 6 p.m. It will be televised on

Fox. Uniforms will be a tribute to the Negro League history of the participating teams.

"The legacy of the Negro Leagues and its greatest living player, Willie Mays, is one of excellence and perseverance," Manfred said. "We look forward to sharing the stories of the Negro Leagues throughout this event next year."

A World Series champion with the Giants in 1954, Mays was a 24-time All-Star, tied with Stan Musial for second-most behind Hank Aaron's 25. Mays won the 1954 major league batting title and was voted NL MVP in 1954 and 1965.

"I can't believe it. I never thought I'd see in my lifetime a Major League Baseball game being played on the very field where I played baseball as a teenager," Mays said. "It has been 75 years since I played for the Birmingham Black Barons at Rickwood Field, and to learn that my Giants will play a game there and honor the legacy of the Negro Leagues and all those who came before them is really emotional for me. We can't forget what got us here."

The Negro Leagues were created for black players during Jim Crow's heyday (1920). It was a time when segregation laws did not allow them to play in the major leagues.

Negro League players will now hold historical MLB records. Because of the added data from more than 2,000 players in the Negro Leagues, Satchel Paige is now the 3rd best of all time for single season pitching. Josh Gibson is now the career leader in batting average, slugging percentage and OPS. Jackie Robinson, of course, was the first to break the MLB color barrier in 1947.

MLB Hall of Fame players Hank Aaron and Satchel Paige played for the Mobile Black Bears in the Negro League. MLB Hall of Famers Willie McCovey, Ozzie Smith and Billy Williams also all grew up playing baseball on the fields of Mobile.

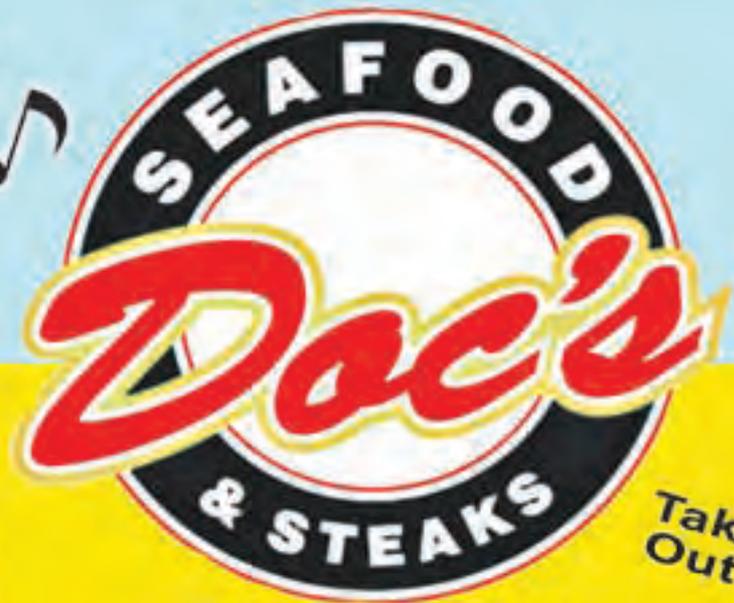
And at one point in 1969, Mobilians Cleon Jones and Tommie Agee were starters in the outfield for the Amazing Mets. Another Mobile native, Amos Otis, was also an outfielder on that World Series Champion Mets' team.



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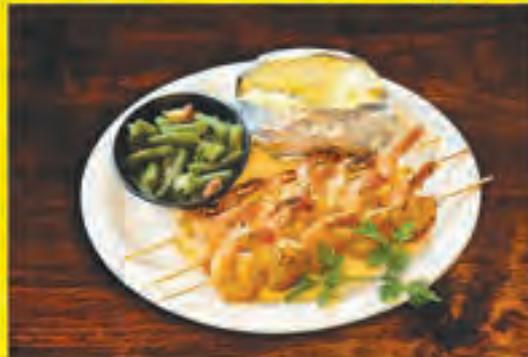
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WED, JUNE 12

- Art al Fresco - Bottle Cap Flower Art: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Matt Erdman: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Keuler: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Zoe Burdett: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Hands On Habitat: 11 a.m.; Tacky

- Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Tyler Ward: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Jessie & The Jets: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- David Dunnivant: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Emily White: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Josh Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange

- Beach.
- Kevin Swanson: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- T-Bone Montgomery & Bo Roberts: 5;

- Front Porch, Lillian.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- David Wiley: 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Open Jam w. Nigel Dickie & Friends: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.

- Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim Roberts: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Al.Gulf Coast Music Hall,

Booking agency ranks Pleasure Isle only 2nd best for snapper fishing; We know better Alabama state waters include the country's largest system of artificial reefs

At least according to FishingBooker.com, the red snapper fishing is even better in Mustang Island, Texas than it is on Pleasure Island. The online fishing trip website did list Orange Beach/Gulf Shoes second behind the Texas island located about 30 miles from Corpus Christi in its 2024 rankings for red snapper destinations.

Federal and state waters are currently open for Red Snapper season, and the season will continue Fridays through Mondays until the state's recreational quota is exhausted.

Pensacola and Biloxi also made the website's list. But Orange Beach did not earn the moniker "Red Snapper Capital of the World" by accident.

It is the epicenter for catching that delicious fish because charter captains, private anglers and the state's Dept. of Natural Resources have built 1,000 square miles of artificial reefs in state waters, the largest system of its kind in the U.S.

Most of those artificial reefs are located within nine miles of Perdido Pass, and because of that, Alabama harvests a

third of all recreational red snapper caught in the Gulf of Mexico. The state's Gulf front footprint is less than 53 miles, but Alabama has nearly 1,100 square miles designated for habitat enhancement.

Federal and state waters are currently open for Red Snapper season, and the season will continue Fridays through Mondays until the state's recreational quota is exhausted. In addition, anglers can catch two red snapper per day from July 1-5. All anglers 16 and older catching red snapper must have an Alabama saltwater fishing license, current saltwater angler registration and a Gulf reef fish endorsement. Every red snapper catch must be reported on the state's Snapper Check, portal at outdooralabama.com.

The Gulf states were granted state management of red snapper in 2018, which included using state data collection programs such as Snapper Check to monitor harvests. Along with small increases to the annual catch limit (quota), the red snapper seasons have consistently increased since implementing state management.

"Alabama has been in the forefront of reef fish management for the last decade," said Alabama DNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship. "We have shown through Snapper Check that data collection at the state level is much more accurate in the red snapper fishery and can better be trusted for management decisions. As we have said for years, the estimates of effort and catch coming from the federal MRIP program is just not reflective of what we all see in our state. Their own staff has now

admitted their system is potentially flawed. This new state-led survey is what we need to do to take away more of the uncertainty of red snapper harvest as well as the other federally and state-managed species."

A multitude of different materials have been used over the decades to create Alabama's ecologically productive reefs, including decommissioned bridge spans, oil/gas platform jackets, limestone aggregate, pre-fabricated reef modules, army tanks, repurposed concrete culverts, ships, drydocks, barges and other materials of opportunity. Most have been constructed nearshore waters, but some are up to 55 nautical miles offshore.

Hard bottom substrate is very limited along the water bottoms of Coastal Alabama and the addition of artificial reefs along the predominantly featureless landscape of sand and muddy substrates has increased the biomass of reef fish populations including Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish, Sheepshead and Gray Snapper.

Furthermore, constructing high quality reefs within Alabama's coastal waters increases the connectivity between inshore, nearshore, and offshore habitats.

Red Drum, Sheepshead, Gray Snapper, and Southern/Gulf Flounder utilize inshore and nearshore habitats. Red Drum and Gray Snapper migrate from Alabama's coastal rivers, bayous, and bays as juveniles and early adults to the nearshore sand bars, gas platforms, and artificial reefs as spawning adults.

On the other hand, Sheepshead and flounder migrate

to and from inshore waters and nearshore hard bottom habitats each year during spawning migrations.

Reef construction projects throughout multiple depths offshore of Alabama also increases habitat utilization opportunities of juvenile Gray Triggerfish and Red Snapper before those species migrate further offshore to inhabit reefs in deeper water with more vertical complexity.

The availability of hard bottom habitat increases foraging opportunities, shelter and spawning potential of numerous fish.

During the first few years of a reef being placed, numerous finfish congregate around it. After several years, the structure becomes covered by epifaunal organisms such as oysters, mussels, barnacles, tunicates, sponges, and corals. The increased structural complexity offered by these bioengineers provides thousands of nooks and crannies for cryptic organisms such as crabs, worms, sea urchins, blennies, and other animals to use.

These organisms then serve as vectors for nutrient transfer and prey items for higher trophic level fish. The structure becomes a true reef complete with ecological activity throughout the trophic pyramid.

Alabama's reefs are split into 14 permit areas. In the general permit areas, reefs can be deployed by individuals after acquiring a permit from the Marine Resources Division. In order for individuals to legally construct artificial reefs outside of the general permit areas, they must request a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Uninspected materials deployed outside the reef zones or general permit areas are considered ocean litter and individuals engaged in those activities are subject to prosecution.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



- Foley.
- Karaoke: 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-foot.com.
 - Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
 - Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 - Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 - Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.
 - Al-Anon: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, JUNE 13

- Wire & PaPa: 5; Front Porch, Lillian
- Gary Story/Open Mic: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Symone French: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Beach Games: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Charlie Rees: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Bumann: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Allen Renfro: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Johnny Hayes: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series:

- Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Frank Fletcher: 6; The Hangout; 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.
 - Funky Lampshades: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 - Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 - Tim Robinson: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 - Jeremy Russow: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 - 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.
 - Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
 - Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
 - Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 - Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 - Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 - Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
 - Bingo: 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
 - Gulf Shores Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 8am; every Thursday; South Campus; (251) 968-2411.
 - Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

FRI, JUNE 14

- Jamal Comedy Show: 7; \$20 cover; Hotel Magnolia; Foley.
- 9-Ball APA World Qualifier Tourney: The Office; Foley.
- Donna Slater: 3; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Destiny Brown: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Truman Holland: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Charlie Rees: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Acoustical Soul: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Christina Crystal: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- High Cotton: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Comedy Show: 7; Hotel Maganolia; Foley.
- Jeff Gaither Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Les Linton: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Broke N Done: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Emily White: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Frank Fletcher: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Tony Brook: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido

Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle record first sea turtle nests

Escambia County Sea Turtle Patrol volunteers (above) recorded Perdido Key's first sea turtle nest of the season early in the morning on May 31.

On the Alabama side of the state line, Share the Beach volunteers have had an amazing first month of the nesting season. The first nest was recorded on May 7, and nine nests were being monitored as of May 31.

June and July are the busiest nesting months along the Gulf Coast, so more nests are expected in the coming weeks.

For nesting females, white lights on the beach may deter them from nesting or cause them to abandon a nesting attempt, also known as a false crawl. Furniture, tents and toys left on the beach overnight create obstacles for nesting turtles and can injure or trap them on the beach. If you encounter a nesting turtle, turn off all lights and retreat a safe distance away.

Bring in all trash and beach items every night, keep white lights (including flash lights and flash photos) off the beach, fill in holes and knock down sand castles, and remember to stay back and stay quiet if you happen upon a sea turtle.

To report a nesting in Alabama, call 1-866-Sea-Turtle or 1-866-732-8878. In Florida, dead or injured sea turtles should be reported to Escambia County Marine Resources at (850) 426-1257 or the FWC Wildlife Alert line at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

HELP PROTECT NESTING SEA TURTLES & WILDLIFE:

- **Lights Out!** Female turtles prefer dark, quiet beaches for nesting and hatchlings need dark skies to find the Gulf of Mexico. Leave the flashlights and cell phones at home or use a red flashlight when on the beach at night. Turn off beach-facing lights and close windows and curtains to keep our beaches dark.
- **Leave No Trace!** Remove all furniture and toys from the beach when you're done for the day, including hammocks, tents, canopies, chairs, toys and sports equipment.
- **Look Out Below!** Boaters should be on the lookout for sea turtles and manatees resting at the surface or feeding in shallow waters. Use a lookout when operating at high speeds and slow down when approaching docks and marinas.
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- Cedrick Brooks: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 6-9 p.m.; Church of Christ, 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: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- 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, JUNE 15

- Brando n Giles Show: 7; \$10 cover; Hotel Magnolia; Foley.
- 9-Ball APA World Qualifier Tourney: The Office; Foley.
- Lil J's Southern Cooking food truck: 11-7; The Office; Foley.
- Truman Holland: 4; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- John Joiner: 2; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Saucy Fuzz: 7; Front Porch, Lillian.

- Chris Hergenroder: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Scott & Jerad: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Justin Colvard: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Roger Howard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Regan Stewart 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Ryan Balthrop: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Bubbles Brown: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Truman Holland: 4; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- High Cotton: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- The Crescent Kings: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Gambino Duo: 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Hotel Maganolia; Foley.
- Damian Lamb Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Mike Estep: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- 8th Annual Corn Festival: Coastal Alabama Farmers & Fishermens Market; Foley; (251) 709-4469
- Ray Howard Band - A Motown Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute: 7:30; OWA Theater; Foley.
- Sand Storm Open Regional Beach Volleyball Qualifier; Gulf Shores Pubic Beach; 251-968-2040
- LuLu's Hot Trot for ARC 5K Run/Walk: 7:30; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's Restaurant; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

- Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Cedrick Brooks: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 - Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 - Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope..
 - Piano Bar: 6; 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.
 - Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
 - Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 - Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Foley

SUN, JUNE 16

- 9-Ball APA World Qualifier Tourney: The Office; Foley.
- J Hawkins: 1; Front Porch, Lillian.
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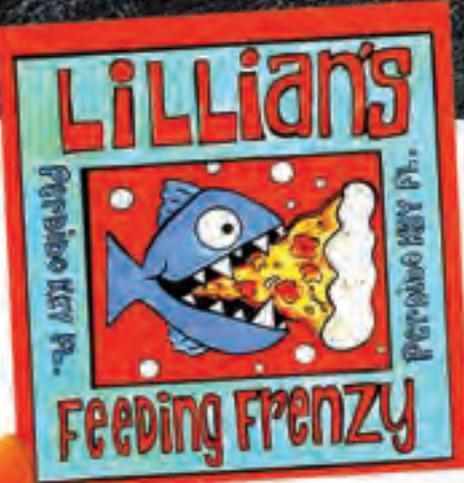


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House; Orange Beach.
 • Clay Watson: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
 • Strictly Chandler: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Ricky Joe Wilson: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Thomas Jenkins: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
 • Kyle Brady 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Greg Brown 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Lee Yankie: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
 • Jesse Taylor: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Thin Ice: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
 • Sand Storm Open Regional Beach Volleyball Qualifier; Gulf Shores Pubic Beach; 251-968-2040
 • Bama Big Beach Cornhole Tourney; 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
 • Al-Anon: 6; Grace Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores.
 • Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
 • Sunday Potluck: 12-2; Fraternal Order or Eagles Lodge; Hwy 98, east of Beach Express; Foley.
 • Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 • The Hubmeister: 5; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
 • League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, JUNE 17

• Donna Slater/ Elaine Petty: 6; Flora-Bama Main Room; Perdido Key.
 • Karaoke: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
 • Jesse Duncan: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Zach Chavers: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Justin Fobes: 5; CoastAl Restaurant;

Orange Beach.
 • Zoe Burdett: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Mac Walters: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
 • Jimmy Lee Hanniford & Jose Santiago: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Willie Trawick: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
 • Paul Thorn: 7:30; OWA Theater; Foley.
 • Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
 • 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 Mic: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.
 • 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: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Bridge (11 a.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • League Pool: 7; The Office, 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.
 • Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 • 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.
 • Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
 • Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.8.

TUE, JUNE 18

• Hands On Habitat - GSP Nature Cen-

ter: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Art al Fresco: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Ryan Balthrop: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
 • Zach Chavers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Tim Roberts: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Jonathan Puzan 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Rachel Lane: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
 • Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
 • Midlife Crisis: 6; The Hangout; 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.
 • Mobile Big Band Music Society: 6:30;

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Mobile Big Band Music Society: 6:30; (thru Oct.) Bluegill; Mobile Causeway; Spanish Fort.
- Gage & The Get Downs: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady; 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Ladies Night Karaoke: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Texas Hold'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- 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.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point

- Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Beginner's Pickleball: 1-4 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 6 p.m.; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

WED, JUNE 19

- Johnny Barbato: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Dominic Demonico: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Savage: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Matt Erdman: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Platinum Premier (Crazy Sista Outside Stage): 6; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Kyle Brady (inside): 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Austin Thompson: 4; Woodside Restau-

- rant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brent Varner: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Chris Beverly: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Josh Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Art al Fresco - Water Color w. Water Guns: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Adam Tyler Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- 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: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim Roberts: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Jeremy Perkins: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Ricky Johnson & Friends: 5; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Al.Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Open Jam w. Nigel Dickie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.

- 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 Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Al-Anon: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, JUNE 20

- Wire & PaPa: 3; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Gary Story/ Open Mic: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Platinum Premier Duo: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Beach Games: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

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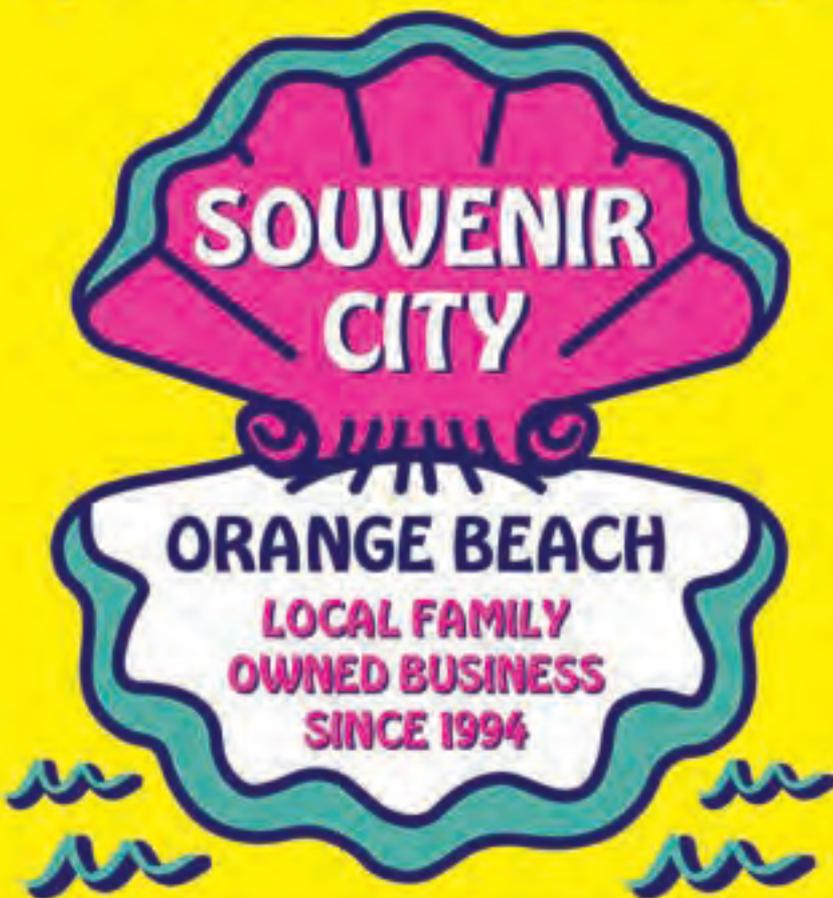
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cocaine washes ashore on Dauphin Island

The Mobile Sherriff's Office announced that they recovered 25 kilos of cocaine that washed up on the Westd end of Dauphin Island on June 6. The drugs had a street value of \$450K. The sheriff's office was contacted by Dauphin Island police after the packages were found. Sheriff's deputies conducted a search of the beach, but found no other drugs washed ashore. MCSO will continue to monitor the area and asks that anyone finding anything suspicious along the beach is asked to report the info at 251-574-8633.

Foley's Collins Aerospace on top employer list

Collins Aerospace in Foley has been recognized as the 42nd largest Alabama manufacturers in 2024. The company, which specializes in aircraft nacelle manufacturing and maintenance, employs 1,100 workers, placing it prominently on the list. This recognition underscores the significant role Collins Aerospace plays in the local economy and the broader aerospace industry in Alabama. The company's contributions are vital to both the local community and the state's manufacturing sector.

Honda Manufacturing of Alabama with 4,900 employees and Mercedes-Benz US with 4,500 employees were the top two manufacturers on the list. Austal USA with 3,200 employees was the top listed South Alabama company with 3,200 employees. Airbus USA with 2,220 employees was no. 14. Engine electrical equipment manufacturer GcEos Buyer of Daphne was ranked no. 36 with 1,189 employees and is the largest manufacturer in Baldwin County. More info: businessalabama.com.

PBR fireworks & BBQ gala July 2 on hotel beach decks

PBR fireworks show & BBQ gala July 4

Perdido Beach Resort will once again celebrate our nation's independence by hosting its annual fireworks gala and barbeque on Thursday, July 4 from 6-10:30 p.m. on the hotel's expansive decks overlooking the beach and Perdido Pass in Orange Beach.

The annual event includes an all-American beachside barbeque, live music featuring Flying With Ease and The Mixed Nuts, cash bars, and the largest ever star-spangled fireworks show from the beach.

The Mixed Nuts are a New Orleans based band that has played for numerous Mardi Gras events and alongside bands such as Journey, Kid Rock, The Temptations and The Doobie Brothers. The party is open to the general public.

The buffet opens, and live music, cash bars, and general seating for the main event start at 6 p.m. on the resort's beach decks. The barbeque will feature multiple salad offerings, spare ribs, Boston butts, beef brisket and turkey breast along with a variety of side dishes, homemade sauces and spectacular desserts. The largest fireworks show in the history of the resort will light up the sky over the Gulf of Mexico at dusk (ap-

proximately 9:00 p.m.) from the resort's beach.

Pool and beachside activities during the day are complementary for hotel guests. Advance purchase for the gala celebration is recommended since availability cannot be guaranteed on the day of the event. Ticket prices are \$60 for adults and \$15 for children 5-12 years old (excluding tax and gratuities). Children 4 and under are free. For a full schedule and tickets, visit perdido-beachresort.com.

Voyagers will also be open and serving guests on July 4 evening. Advance Terrace reservations are required and will guarantee the table is reserved.

Parking for non-hotel guests attending the concert, fireworks, and barbeque will be on a first-come basis in the parking lot directly across from the resort on the north side of Highway 182.

Bids come in high for bridge access road

The Alabama Dept. of Transportation announced that bids to construct the access road off the Foley Beach Express south to the intersection of Cotton Creek Dr. for a portion of the new Waterway Bridge project in Gulf Shores all came in above what the state was expecting to pay for the work, which includes the demolition of four homes. ALDOT officials estimated the cost between \$21.6 million and \$26.4 million when bids were opened on May 31. The low bidder on the project, John G. Walton Construction, bid of \$29.9 million. In late 2022, Scott Bridge Company was awarded the contract for the bridge itself at \$51.8 million, which was 24% more than the original estimate of \$41 million in 2021.

Order of Misfits' Summer Party June 29

Kick off summer in Mardi Gras style with The Order of Misfits' inaugural Summer Party Pandemonium party on Saturday, June 29 beginning at 6 p.m. at the PZK Hall in Robertsedale. Tickets are \$25 per person for the BYOB ages 21 and up event at the door. Admission includes mouthwatering pulled pork and delectable sides. Also expect live music, door prizes and friendly competition with exciting games awarding prizes. Info: email membership.orderofmisfits@gmail.com or call 251-232-2763.

New pavilion for Graham Creek Preserve

A new pavilion could meet some of the growing demand for event and educational space at Foley's Graham Creek Nature Preserve. The city will go out for bids on the facility once designs are completed. Rental fees for the pavilion should help pay some of the costs of building the new facility south of the Interpretive Center at the park. The site is south of Graham Creek on Philomene Holmes Boulevard.

The pavilion would be 2,200 square feet in size and would also include two 150-square foot storage areas. The plans also call for solar-powered fans in the facility. The facility can also be used for classes and archery competitions.

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- Dan Poer: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Tim Roberts: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Jamie Bergeron: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Mike Diamond: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; 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;

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- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Funky Lampshades: 10; The Under-tow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Russow: 6; 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.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

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Our recent weather pattern has certainly assumed a rather summer like feel with high humidities and more than average rainfall. Any fronts that manage to press through the region this time of year lack any real coolness, instead present just two or three mornings of low humidities and clearer skies.

The Gulf water temperature has been quite close to the low 80s we normally expect to see in early June though, and fishing has been close to par as well. The general scarcity of shoreline and seawall spanish mackerel have been the glaring exception to what has otherwise been a pretty good spring.

Speckled trout in the surf west of Little Lagoon Pass have been consistent hitters each morning, as long

as the wind doesn't kick up the Gulf too much. Anglers have been reporting fairly consistent topwater bites in the early morning, followed by some subsurface activity. Bluefish have been very active in the surf lately hitting spoons, mostly early mornings and late afternoons, with some real jumbos being caught. Pompano have really hung in along the beaches this spring since the May full moon. Numbers of pompano have still been high enough to target them consistently with numerous reports of Alabama limits (3), sprinkled with plenty of short pompano (less than 12 inch total length). That is a good sign for the future for this vibrant and fast-growing fishery.

Speaking of a vibrant fishery, the surfzone is quickly filling up with hordes of hungry ladyfish (skipjack) and blue runner (hardtail). Those have been giving both pompano rig and lure anglers fits as they pursue speckled trout. It seems these jacks are always hungry and readily strike at just about anything that moves. Even reeling in a pompano rig with empty hooks will sometimes get a bite. Though maligned by many gamefish anglers, this rapid pace action makes for great opportunities to get youngsters involved in the sport of surf fishing.

Whenever the Gulf is relatively calm, ladyfish may be caught (or at least hooked) rapid fire by repeatedly casting into their large schools milling around in the surf zone. The leaps of these "poor man's tarpon" add a special spark for anglers (young or old) experiencing it for the first time. One trick I learned while beach guiding folks that had never caught ladyfish or blue runner before was to use a Bubble Rig with a single hook lure on a 8 to 9 foot medium heavy action spinning combo with a 4000 series reel and 20 pound braided line. Oh my gosh, this makes the process of catching these fish so much easier on the neophyte anglers, plus they get to see a lot of the surface action. The single hook rig is much easier to remove from the fish and less likely to foul hook the fish or the angler. A pair of needle nose pliers is best for hook removal even though ladyfish do not have any sharp teeth. They do have rather sharp gill plates though and a rough mouth edged

with sandpaper like lips which may quickly abrade your line. So check for nicks and scrapes in your 30# or 40# clear monofilament leader line every now and then to monitor when to retie.

Though this is almost always strictly a catch and release operation, ladyfish actually do make great fresh cut bait for bluefish and sharks, and even a pretty decent meal when treated properly. I like to begin by bleeding any ladyfish bound for the table by slitting the gill rakers and placing the fish head-first into a 5-gallon bucket of seawater. After a few minutes the fish stops thrashing and can be transferred to the cooler into or under ice. Later the scales are easily removed with a water jet from a garden hose. Then the fillets are cut off the backbone and set to one side, skin side down. Do not rinse the fillets with water, but dab any residual blood away with a dry paper towel. Next use a serving spoon to scrape the meat from the skin in long motions along the fillet. All the Y bones and red meat remain attached to the skin while just the flesh curls up in the spoon to be placed in a bowl and refrigerated. The meat is lightly opaque with virtually no smell, and a very delicate consistency not flaky (so do not over stir). While the meat is chilling you can make up the binder mix for the fish cakes. This can be made with an egg, mayonnaise, a squirt of Dijon mustard, a dash or two of Worcestershire, and a tablespoon of lemon juice whisked into a large bowl. Also add your favorite herbs like dill, and seasoning like Tony's (if you like Creole flavor), or Cavender's Greek if you prefer a milder garlic flavor. Next add a cup of seasoned bread crumbs or crush up some Ritz crackers to form the base of your binder. Lastly fold in the fish meat to ingrain the seasoning. Ladyfish taste very mild and take on the flavors you introduce it to in the mix. Mold your fishcakes into 3 inch discs about 1 inch thick and place on wax paper. Results will be best if you refrigerate these for 30 minutes or so to set, and they may even be frozen between layers of wax-paper. I like to deep fry mine in a ½ inch of peanut oil at 350 to near 400 degrees. Cook about 3 to 4 minutes per side to give the cakes a nice golden brown slightly crispy outer shell. You can even top them with a Hollandaise or Bearnaise to reflect whatever flavors you like.

Besides the occasional influx of Sargassum Grass onto area beaches, the biggest news in the suds has been the return of the adult jack crevelle and bull redfish along the western Fort Morgan peninsula. Jacks have been the main game in the morning using surface poppers and swimbaits, and bull reds have been most active in the evening with cut mullet on the bottom with the falling tide. You definitely want some stout tackle to deal with these brutes, especially the big jacks. A lot of these fish exceed 20 pounds, so the angler would be best served to pursue them with 40 pound class tackle. Since most of these fish are intended for release, the best way to keep it healthy is to subdue it as quickly as possible, and returned to the Gulf.

Repair activity continues at a noticeable pace on the Gulf State Park Pier, with much of the work on the piling completed and new railing being placed along the replaced section of pier as well as the damaged section approaching it. Still a good amount of work remains to be done (like putting up new light poles) before the pier can reopen. But the last estimate was still around late summer.

- Jason Abel: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 - 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.
 - Gulf Shores Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 8am; every Thursday; South Campus; (251) 968-2411.
 - Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 - Al-Anon: noon; Perdido Bay Community Center; 13660 Innerarity . Rd., Pensacola
 - Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.
 - AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point)
- ### FRI, JUNE 21
- Bruti Daniels: 7; Hotel Magnolia; Foley.
 - Donna Slater: 3; Front Porch, Lillian.
 - Al & Cathy: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
 - Flo Rivers: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
 - Mone Polk & Friends: 5; The Angry

- Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Alan Renfro: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Light Travelers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Bumann: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Identity Theft: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bruti Daniels: 7; Hotel Maganolia; Foley.
- Hippy Jim: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Elaine Petty & Ashley Raines: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Erica Burke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Wes Loper: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Johnny Hayes: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Jamie Bergeron: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.



FISHING FUN: (Left to Right From Top Left) This time of year, Bunn Kiev (from Foley) really enjoys plugging topwater lures for big speckled trout like this one, in the surfzone off the Fort Morgan peninsula; You don't see this very often, James Pemberton recently landed a very nice sized king mackerel from shore along Perdido Key while fishing a whole dead mullet on bottom; Eight year old Jaiden Herrera from Vicksburg Mississippi landed (and released) his first shark while in Gulf Shores recently. He is already an accomplished fisherman according to his fishing mentor, Jinroo Da Seth; Local teacher and part-time surf rig entrepreneur, Salty McCrory is still finding pompano in the surf to test his new products on; Michael-Fay-Specks Mostly cooperative weather has allowed fishing couple Michael Speonte and Fay Distefano to concentrate on speckled trout in the surf recently, with some great results.



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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



"The beauty of country living," writes Kathleen Sanders.



Richard Patterson from Baton Rouge shares a shot he took while sitting on a Weeks Bay pier.



"Trying out her homemade nest on Little Lagoon," writes Josie Kalmar.



"Just another visitor to our beach on Little Lagoon," writes Dennis Hendrickson of Brigadoon Trail.



"A hungry visitor," writes Diane Folio.

Kyser Miree Memorial Fishing Tournament June 22 in O.B.

The 14th Annual Kyser Miree Memorial Fishing Tournament, presented by La-Z-Boy, will be held on June 22 at The Mobile Big Game Fishing Club at Orange Beach Marina, with a satellite weigh station on Dauphin Island. Scales will be open from noon - 5pm. at both locations. Prizes include coolers, reels, sunglasses, cash and art by Bufkin Air Designs & Fine Art Creations for the Sam Schjott Master Angler winner. Offshore divisions include: Red Snapper; King Mackerel (Adults only). Inshore divisions include: Slot Speckled Trout, Flounder (Adults only), Slot Redfish, Croaker (Children only). Tickets at \$40 for adults and \$20 for children. For more information and to register, visit wilmerhall.org/events/kyser-fishing.

Tourney proceeds benefit Wilmer Hall Children's Home in Mobile. For more info, call director Pratt Paterson at 251-401-1003 or email ppaterson@wilmerhall.org.

SBCC Chamber Foundation online auction thru June 23

The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation is thrilled to announce its inaugural Kickoff to Summer Online Auction, set to take place thru June 23.

"Each bid made will directly support the Foundation, creating a significant impact on the lives of those we serve," said SBCF Executive Director, Kylee Raulerson.

Hosted on EVENT.GIVES, customers can browse the items in this year's Kickoff to Summer Online Auction from the comfort of their own homes or offices! All items have been donated by local Baldwin County businesses.

All proceeds benefit the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation, a non-profit educational enrichment organization dedicated to enhancing educational and leadership opportunities for students across south Baldwin County. The Foundation serves 14 local schools in south Baldwin County.

Users can text [sbcsfsummerkickoff](https://text.sbcsfsummerkickoff.com) to 843.606.5995 or visit event.gives/sbcsfsummerkickoff to join.

Molly Ringwalds play in Summerdale on June 29

The Town of Summerdale annual Independence Day Festival will be held on Saturday, June 29 starting at 10 a.m.

Expect live music, a kids zone, a splash pad, Dan's Diner, food trucks, and multiple arts & crafts vendors. Produced by Sounds Associates, the event will also include a Car/Jeep/Tractor Show and a performance from the Molly Ringwalds.

- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Cedrick Brooks: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Pickleball: 6-9 p.m.; Church of Christ, 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.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, 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



Flora-Bama Freedom Run July 6

Registrations is now open for the 4th Annual Flora-Bama Freedom 4 Run & One Mile Fun Run on Saturday, July 6 at 8 a.m. at the famed honky tonk on the state line. Registration includes a race shirt, a finisher's medal and food & drink tickets to be redeemed post-race. Pre-registration is \$30 for the 4-miler and \$20 for the fun run and available at freedom.itsyourrace.com. Packet pickup is available from 4-6 p.m. July 5 at the Flora-Bama or from 6-7:30 a.m. on race day for the rain or shine event.

Break out your best red, white and blue attire because we want to make this run scream "God Bless America." Land

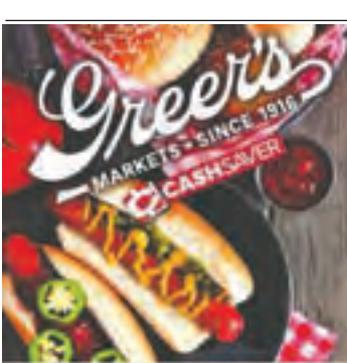
Doc's ARC Hot Trot 5K is June 15 at LuLu's

LuLu's Hot Trot for ARC 5K Run/Walk, a fundraising event presented by the Robertsdale Rotary Club, will be held onsite at the Gulf Shores restaurant on Saturday, June 15, at 7:30 a.m. Packet pick-up will take place Friday, June 14 from 3-6 p.m. at LuLu's or before the race at 6 a.m.

The course is flat, fast and certified and the usual awards will be given for various age groups and divisions. The post race party is among the best on the Gulf Coast and will include grog, great food and live music.

Register online at Active.com or pick up a registration form in LuLu's Gift Shop. The course is flat, quick & certified. For more info, call 251-284-3484 or 251-975-7363.

All net proceeds are donated to the ARC of Baldwin County. The mission of ARC-Baldwin is to ensure those appropriate and quality services are available and accessible to persons with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabili-



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- 1oz creme of coconut
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



MaxPreps names OBHS the top softball team in the nation Ava Hodo and K.G. Favors earn AHSAA Player of the Year awards

Orange Beach High School's Amazing Makos softball team, which capped off a 46-1 season by winning the school's fourth consecutive Alabama State Softball Championship, more recently was named the top high school softball team in the nation by MaxPreps. The Makos have won state championships in each of the four years the school has existed.

From MaxPreps: "Orange Beach slides into the top spot after wrapping up its season with a 4A state title on May 14, the school's fourth straight title. The Makos' two wins over No. 5 Pace (Fla.), the Sunshine State's top team and 6A state champion, and a 4-2 win over No. 9 Hewitt-Trussville (Trussville), Alabama's 7A champion, add enough to their resume to vault them to the top spot. South Carolina commit Kaylee (K.G.) Favors finished the season 21-1 with a .77 ERA. Sophomores Teagan Revette and Ava Hodo combined to hit 24 of the team's 51 home runs. They could be a favorite for preseason No. 1 next spring."

In addition, team members Hodo and Favors were named best in state on the recently released Alabama Sports Writers Association 2024 All-State softball team. Hodo was named the Class 4A Player of the Year and Favors earned the Class 4A Pitcher of the Year award.

Gulf Shores High School's Tia Titi, a senior infielder, also earned first team honors, and Dolphin pitcher Anna Leigh Price, a sophomore, and catcher Anayia McCutcheon, a freshman, earned second team honors. The Dolphins' K.K. Jacks was honorable mention All-State.

Mako sophomore Teagan Revette joined Favors and Hodo on the first team. Makos earning second team All-State included soph Katie King, junior Daigle Wilson. Junior Kaitlyn Robertson was honorable mention All-State.

Hodo is still just a sophomore, but she has played a prominent role in all four Orange Beach championship runs. Makos' state championships. She crunched 12 home runs and had only three strikeouts all year. Favors was magnificent all year: A 22-1 record, 0.77 era, 15 shutouts and four no-hitters. She allowed only 14 earned runs all season.

First Annual Perdido Key Fishing Rodeo slated July 19-21

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce, Entertainer Bait & Tackle and the Perdido Chamber Foundation will present its first annual Perdido Key Fishing Rodeo July 19-21 at the Entertainer Fishing Charters Dock under the Theo Baars Bridge (13506 Perdido Key Dr. in Pensacola).

The tourney will include four inshore and four offshore divisions covering speckled trout, redfish, mangrove snapper, flounder, red snapper, vermilion snapper, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

A portion of the proceeds will support the military initiatives and programs of the Perdido Key Chamber and Foundation.

Weigh-in scales will be open Saturday & Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Raffle drawings start at 5 p.m. and awards will be announced at 6 p.m.

Lunchtime animals, art & beach games at TJ's

The 12th Annual Summer of Fun at the Tacky Jack's Gulf Shores and Orange Beach waterfront locations will feature art classes, a hands on nature series and waterfront beach games at lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 11 a.m. thru the end of July.

Hands on Habitat, Art al Fresco and Tacky Jacks Beach Games make up a series of weekly lunchtime activities offered at the waterfront venues. The annual series features different events to include regional artists and local organizations. Online reservations are required. A monthly schedule of events is online at tackyjacks.com.

- Hands on Habitat: Learn about our ecosystem and interact with the animals that live here with us. The event is free and is offered on Tuesdays in Gulf Shores and Wednesdays in Orange Beach. Online RSVP is required.

- Art al Fresco: Projects include patriotic tie-dye shirts, beachy bracelets, squeeze painting, upcycled bottle cap flower art, water gun watercolors, patriotic hats, create with clay, and sand sculpting. Cots includes a \$10 gift card for lunch, and the fee depends on the project. Offered Tuesdays in Orange Beach and Wednesdays in Gulf Shores.

- Beach Games: Kids ages 6-12 compete in games and challenges, and all participants get prizes and a free lunch from Tacky Jacks. Parents can compete in a friendly game of water balloon dodgeball for prizes! The event is free to attend for ages 6-12 every Thursday from 11 am-12 p.m. at the Gulf Shores location. Online RSVP is required.

June (Gulf Shores): 12 – Art al Fresco, Bottle Cap Flower Art \$25; 13 – Beach Games; 18 – Hands on Habitat, Gulf State Park Nature Center; 19 – Art al Fresco, Watercolor with Water Guns \$20; 20 – Beach Games; 25 – Hands on Habitat; 26 – Art al Fresco, Patriotic Tie Dye \$30; 27 – Beach Games

June (Orange Beach): 12 – Hands on Habitat, Gulf State Park Nature Center; 18 – Art al Fresco, Beachy Bracelets \$25; 19 – Hands on Habitat, Orange Beach Wildlife Center; 25 – Art al Fresco, Patriotic Hat \$30; 26 – Hands on Habitat, Alabama Audubon.

- Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

SAT, JUNE 22

- Bruti Daniels: 7; Hotel Magnolia; Foley.
- High Cotton: 9; The Office; Foley.
- Nomadic Mate: 4; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- John Joiner: 2; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Groovinators: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Eddie 2 Kook: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Alan & Ashley: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Strictly Chandler: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Roger Howard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Christina Crystal: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brittany Bell: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Identity Theft: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter: 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- High Octane: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- City Rhythm Big Band Dance: 4; Loxley Civic Center.
- Tacos & Tequila Festival: Baldwin County Fairgrounds; Robertsdale.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.

- Cedrick Brooks: 6; 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 Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Foley.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, 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, JUNE 23

- Justin Touchette: 1; Front Porch, Lillian.
- On The Rox: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Matt Erdman: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Wes Loper: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
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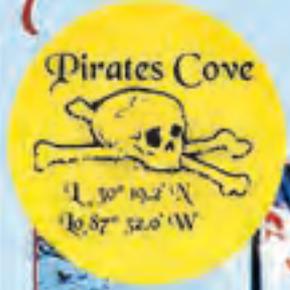
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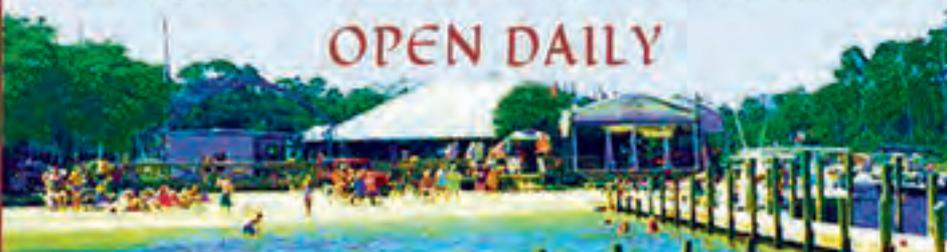


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Champagne Fruit Compote

3/4 cup unsweetened white grape juice
 1 Tbsp. honey
 1 tsp. grated orange rind
 4 (3-inch) sticks cinnamon
 2 cups fresh strawberries, halved and divided
 3 medium-size nectarines, sliced
 1 cup seedless green grapes
 1 cup seedless red grapes
 3 kiwifruit, peeled and thinly sliced
 1/2 cup champagne, chilled
 Combine first 4 ingredients in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes. Remove and discard cinnamon sticks. Cover and chill thoroughly. Place 1 cup strawberries in a large glass bowl. Layer nectarines and grapes over strawberries; top with remaining 1 cup strawberries and kiwifruit. Cover and chill thoroughly. To serve, stir champagne into chilled grape juice mixture; pour over fruit. Yield: 12 (1/2 cup) servings. Enjoy!
 Note: For a nonalcoholic version, substitute chilled sparkling white grape juice for the champagne.

The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • Kyle Brady: 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Lee Carreon: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
 • Jesse Black: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Kat Deal: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Brooks Johnson 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Tacos & Tequila Festival: Baldwin County Fairgrounds; Robertsdale.
 • Bama Big Beach Cornhole Tourney: 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
 • Gulf Coast Comedy Fest; 7; Brandon Styles Theater; Foley.
 • Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
 • Sunday Potluck: 12-2; Fraternal Order or Eagles Lodge; Hwy 98, east of Beach Express; Foley.
 • Lisa Zanghi: 6; 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, Inner-city Point.
 • League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
 • Al-Anon: 6; Grace Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores.

MON, JUNE 24

• Karaoke: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
 • Donna Slater/ Elaine Petty: 6; Flora-Bama Main Room; Perdido Key.
 • Jesse Duncan: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's;

Gulf Shores.
 • Tyler Ward: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Brittany Bell: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Ronnie Pressley: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Lee Yankee: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
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 • Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
 • Open Mic: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.
 • DJ Hank: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
 • 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.
 • Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
 • 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, JUNE 25

• Hands On Habitat: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Art al Fresco: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • J.B.Dyess: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
 • Justin Colvard: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Tim Roberts: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Mike Diamond: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • Damian Lamb Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • Henry Burt: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
 • Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
 • Mid-Life Crisis: 6; The Hangout; 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.
 • Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 • Gage & The Get Downs: 10; The Under-tow; Orange Beach.
 • Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • Danny Grady: 3; American Legion Post 44; 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.
 • Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Sen-

Foley receives FEMA grant for first responders' shelter

The city of Foley has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that will pay 90% of the costs of building a safe room, a shelter for emergency personnel. The \$5.58-million facility will be used as a shelter and command post during hurricanes and other emergencies and be constructed on North Poplar Street.)

David Wilson, Foley executive director of public safety, said city officials have been developing plans for the facility, but were awaiting approval and funding from FEMA.

"I'm very pleased to announce that our long-awaited green light for the safe room has been given by FEMA," Wilson said. "This is a safe or secure facility that first responders can operate from during hurricanes and other emergencies. It's nearly 10,000 square feet in total size."

The shelter will house more than 200 people during a hurricane and will be constructed to withstand winds of up to 200 miles an hour. The facility will also be equipped with a 400 kilowatt generator that can run on either natural gas or diesel fuel. The building will also include kitchen facilities and everything needed to house personnel during an emergency.

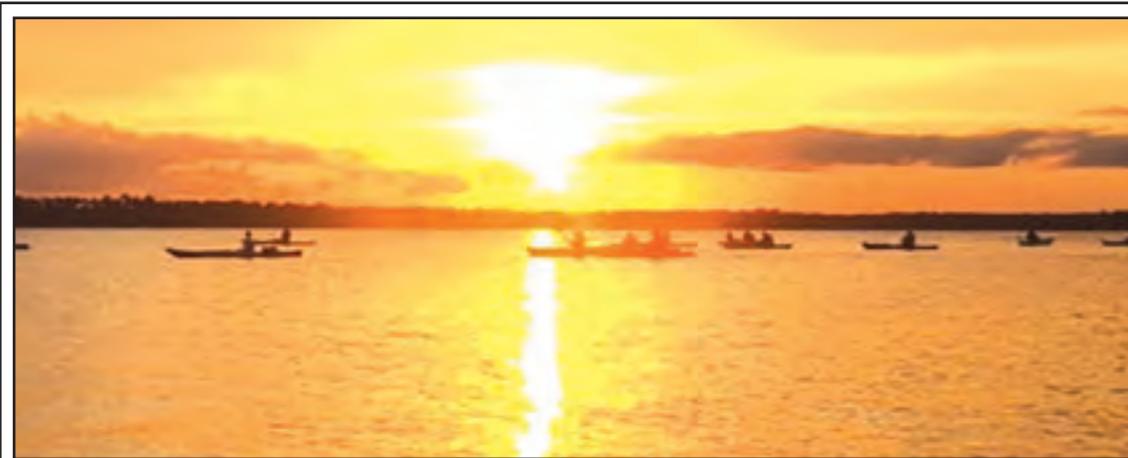
The facility will be built on city property on North Poplar Street north of the site where the Public Works campus is under construction and south of East Berry Avenue.

The location is a convenient site for city operations, Mayor Ralph Hellmich said.

"It's very close to City Hall," Hellmich said. "It also has a lot of main facilities for electrical and gas and water. We looked at about 10 different sites. That one made the most sense."

The building can also be used as a command post if other city facilities are damaged during a storm or other event.

The facility is expected to cost about \$5.58 million. The city's share of the cost will be 10% of the total. Wilson said the facility can also be used as a training center.



First of three Orange Beach Summer Full Moon Paddles is June 22

The City of Orange Beach is gearing up for another fun summer on the water with their popular Full Moon Paddles held at the Wind & Water Learning Center, located at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library. Three events are planned. Each event features dinner on the grounds, supplied by an area restaurant and musical entertainment. After enjoying the food, entertainment and meeting new friends everyone heads out to paddle Wolf Bay. Dates to watch for: Saturday, June 22, Food from Alabama Coastal Catering; Sunday, July 21, Food from Tacky Jacks and entertainment by Rachel Lane; Sunday, August 18, Food from Alabama Coastal Catering and entertainment by Ben Lake.

Registration fee is \$35 per person. Participants must bring their own kayak, PFD & white light. A limited number of kayaks are available for rent from the venue for an additional fee. Rental must be reserved in advance of the event. Everyone must be pre-registered before each event. Online registration is available at eventbrite.com. Printed registration forms will be available at orangebeachal.gov. Money raised will benefit the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center. For more information, call Wind & Water Learning Center Coordinator, Jackie McGonigal at 251-974-7245 or email jmcgonigal@orangebeachal.gov.

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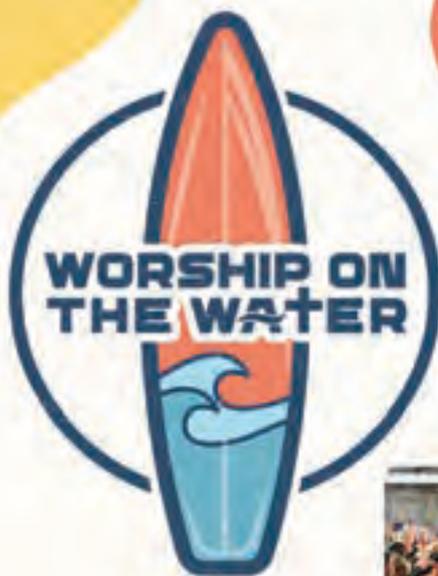
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Gulf Shores City Schools will add three electric buses

Gulf Shores City Schools was awarded \$600,000 for three electric buses as part of a \$16.9 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that will fund 51 new all-electric buses for 10 school districts across Alabama.

The new clean school buses will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save schools money, and better protect children's health from air pollution, according to al.com.

The buses and batteries purchased with these funds will be made in the United States, boosting domestic EV and battery production.

Hunstville City Schools received \$ 8,625,000 for 25 electric school buses. School districts in Lanett, Selma, Fort Payne, Clay County, Montgomery County, Jasper and the Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School also received funding for electric buses.

The \$16.9 million in funding this year is in addition to \$11.5 million in funds that allowed Alb ersville to purchase 19 buses, Fairfield nine buises and Tuscumbia one bus. The awards are part of a \$5 billion Clean School Bus initiative by the EPA to advance the transition to electric or low-emissions school buses across the country. Funding for the program runs through 2026. The next round of applications closes on July 25, according to al.com.



Ms. Senior Gulf Shores is 1st runner-up at state pageant

Ms. Senior Gulf Shores, Cheryl Ritchie, was first runner-up at the recent Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant held in Daphne. Ms. Senior Vestavia, Sharon Pitts, won the coveted title of Ms. Senior Alabama 2024. Ms. Senior Alabama 2025 will be held at the Daphne Civic Center, on June 7, 2025. To apply for Ms. Senior Alabama, visit mssenioralabama.com.

Foley seeks funds to extend Hwy 59, Juniper St. sidewalks

Foley City Council voted to seek ALDOT funding for more than one mile of sidewalk along the west side of Hwy. 59 from Azalea Avenue south to Pride Drive, near Foley High School, a distance of about 1.25 miles.

The council voted to increase Street Department funding to pay for sidewalk repairs along U.S. 98 between Cypress Street and Juniper Street and also approved design and layout changes for sidewalks near Foley High School and Mathis Elementary. The changes will extend the walkways to connect existing sidewalks. The city continues to review connectivity in the city and has included funding for several sidewalk projects in its budget.

"It's something that we need to do," Mayor Ralph Hellmich said. "People walk up and down the grassy area there all the time. It will help us with our connectivity because we have a lot of east-west sidewalks, but we don't have anything north-south there."



O.B.G.C. YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club residential Yard of the Month for June goes to the home of Kimberly Monzon and Weston Baker at 26181 St. Lucia. **Pictured** are OB Garden Club member Christine Slaughter and Weston Baker and Kimberly Monzon, homeowners. The commercial Yard of the Month goes to Canal Road Animal Hospital at 22640 Canal Road. **Pictured** are Dr. Julianna Taylor and OB Garden Club member Debbie Black. Congratulations to all!



SEAGRASS VILLAGE OF DAPHNE GRAND OPENING: Sage Development Group officials thanked Arrive Architecture Group, Lori Bates Interiors, and EMJ Construction for bringing the 184,000-square-foot building to life during a recent grand opening event at Seagrass Village of Daphne, a premier senior living community along the Eastern Shore. The facility encompasses 45 independent living apartments, 45 independent living villas, and 45 assisted living apartments in a home-like setting. Seagrass Village of Daphne is designed to promote an active and engaging lifestyle for residents while assuring a safe and caring environment. SRI Management brings its renowned commitment to dedicated service, value, and resident care to the community.

"Today marks a significant milestone for us, one that has been a long time in the making. Our team is thrilled to welcome our new residents with open arms and to share this wonderful community with Daphne and the surrounding area," said Holly Stewart (pictured cutting ribbon), executive director of Seagrass Village. "Senior living has never looked so good!"

"Seagrass Village of Daphne goes beyond being a typical senior living community; it's crafted to provide comfort and convenience for our residents. From the thoughtfully designed buildings to the wide range of amenities and services, every detail is planned to ensure our residents receive the care and satisfaction they deserve," said Don Bishop, CEO of SRI Management.

Seagrass Village of Daphne is open for tours and is accepting new residents. Those interested are invited to explore the wide array of amenities designed to enhance and enrich the lives of its residents. For more info, visit seagrassvillage@daphne.com.

ior Center, 251-981-3440.

- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Ladies Night Karaoke: 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.
- Beginner's Pickleball: 1-4 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

WED, JUNE 26

- JERI (Crazy Sista Outside Stage): 6; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- T-Bone Montgomery & Bo Shores: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Matt Erdman: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Wiley Pete: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Art al Fresco - Patriotic Tie Dye: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Hands On Habitat: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Alan Renfro: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Keuler: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Austin Thompson: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Bryant Thomas: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Josh Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Willie Trawick: 6; The Hangout; 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; Perdido Key.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Velcro Pygmies play June 29 Miracle League fundraiser

Exit Allstar Gulf Coast Realty is hosting the "I Believe in Miracles - Party w/ the Pygmies" event to benefit the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama beginning at 7 p.m. on June 29 at the Baldwin County Coliseum (19477 Fairground Rd.) in Robertsedale.

VIP tickets featuring early admission, special seating and other amenities are \$75 and general admission tickets are \$35. Table sponsorships are also available.

Go back in time during this 1980's themed, electrifying concert with the self described greatest rock-n-roll force for freedom ever assembled: The Velcro Pygmies. Dig out the acid-washed jeans, tease that hair, and come party the night away to raise money for The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama. Admission includes a delicious catered buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, chances to spin the prize wheel for prizes, a 360 photo booth experience, raffles and more.

Proceeds will help The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama in their effort to finish construction on a community park that focuses on the needs of children with disabilities in Baldwin County. The park, located in Summerdale, will include a baseball field and playground facility designed to eliminate the barriers that prevent our special needs residents and visitors from playing side by side with family and friends. It will accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries. Work on the park has already started, but they need help to get to the finish line.

EXIT Realty Corp. International will match donations to the fundraiser for up to \$4,000.00 until June 29. For More Info, contact Jody Marsh: JodyLMarsh@gmail.com More info: JodyLMarsh@gmail.com or visit zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing.

- Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Jeremy Perkins: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo w. Tim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Open Jam w. Nigel Dickie & Company: 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.
- 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.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- 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: 8:30-10:00 a.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; Operates on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 251-968-5991.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; 251-968-2823.
- Al-Anon: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.



ON MEN'S CLUB SUPPORTS CSC: The Ono Men's Club recently made a \$2000 donation to the Christian Service Center in Gulf Shores. The Christian Service Center works to provide emergency help to low-income residents of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Ft Morgan. Clients are given counseling and help to find other resources. The Center also operates a food bank and the local Meals on Wheels program. In April of this year alone, the Center provided food to nearly 300 families.



GSGC DONATES SUPPORTS GSHS POLLINATOR GARDEN: Gulf Shores Garden Club treasurer Charlotte Higgins and president Sharon Smith presented checks to Gulf Shores High School's Sustainability Program and Pollinator Garden.

THU, JUNE 27

- Joe Langley, The Whites (Jeremy, Brandon, Shea): 6:30; Sunset Social Club at The Venue at Hidden Lake; Silverhill.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steak House; Orange Beach.
- Free Range Iguanas: 5; The Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Roberts: 1; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Kaleb King: 5; CoastAl Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Beach Games: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Funky Lampshades: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Justin Colvard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Perfect Game Gulf Coast World Series: Gulf Shores, Orange Beach & Foley; 615-987-8224.
- Thin Ice: 6; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
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Gulf Shores hosts June 21

Make Music Day events

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to join the global Make Music Day Celebration with a variety of free events on Friday, June 21. Make Music Day coincides every year with the summer solstice and brings together people of all ages and skill levels to make music on the longest day of the year. The celebration is a free and open invitation for anyone, regardless of skill level, to create, enjoy, perform, teach, learn, and experience the making of music.

The City of Gulf Shores will celebrate Make Music Day with the following events:

- Live music performance featuring Lynn Coffman and Lisa Christian! The live performance will be held in the Bodenhamer Recreation Center lobby from 10-11:30 a.m.
- The Gulf Shores Library will give out maracas and

tambourines to children to encourage them to create their own music. These instruments will be distributed after the Summer Reading Program featuring Magician Bruce Walstad at the Adult Activity Center at 10:30 a.m.

• Make Music at Meyer Park (400 E 22nd Ave) on June 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. is co-hosted by the Frank Brown Songwriters and the Flora-Bama. Gulf Coast favorite and Grammy nominated singer/songwriter Rhonda Hart. Hart has assembled a group of awesome musicians, forming a band that will have you up and dancing and singing along to lots of hit songs. In addition, a number of other local musicians are expected to drop in to play a tune or two. The fun will take place at Meyer Park (400 E 22nd Ave). Arepa's Food truck will be set up for those who want to purchase food, and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will be onsite selling beverages for all ages to enjoy.

"We're excited to bring this international day of music-making to Gulf Shores and encourage everyone to find their inner musician," said Grant Brown, Recreation &

Cultural Affairs Director. "Make Music Day is one way we focus on the importance of the arts and culture in our community."

"Dad and Me" Golf Tourney June 14 at O.B. Golf Center

The Orange Beach Golf Center will hold a Dad and Me at the Par 3 Father's Day Tournament on Friday, June 14 at 10 a.m. It will be an 18-hole tournament at a cost of \$25 per player, ages 6 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. It will be two man, scramble play.

Register online at activecommunities.com. Golf carts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pull carts will be available. For more information or questions, call the Golf Center at 251-981-4653. The Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy Street.



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Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



Three sons discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly Mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our Mother."
The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."
The third smiled and said, "You know mom can't see very well any more. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse,

and the parrot recites it."
Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks.
"Milton," she wrote one son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."
"Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel any more. My eyesight is bad. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"
"Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "you have the good sense to know what your Mother likes. The chicken was delicious!"

While giving a physical the doctor noticed that his patient's shins were covered with dark bruises.

"Tell me," said the doctor, "do you play hockey or soccer?"
"Neither," said the man. "My wife and I play bridge."

A hound dog lays in the yard and an old man in overalls sits on the porch.

"Excuse me, sir, but does your dog bite?" a jogger asks.

The old man looks over his newspaper and replies, "Nope."
As soon as the jogger enters the yard, the dog begins

snarling and growling, and then attacks the jogger's legs.
As the jogger flails around in the yard, he yells, "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"
The old man mutters, "Ain't my dog."

Assistant: "Boss, I need a few days off!"

Boss: "Only if you can correctly answer this question. Why did Brutus kill Julius Caesar?"

Assistant: "Because Caesar didn't grant him leave."

Boss: "How many days off you want?"

A man goes to the cemetery to visit his late wife. He notices a man pounding the ground with his fist and sobbing "why did you have to die why why?"

He rushes over and tries to calm him down. He says, "I understand the deceased must have been very very close to you".

"No, never met him," the man replies.

"May I ask you who is buried here?"

The sobbing man pauses long enough to say, "It's my wife's first husband."

Me: "My wife thinks I'm God."

Friend: "What makes you say that?"

Me: "Every night at dinner time, she places a burnt offering before me."

Why are Saturday and Sunday so strong?

Because the rest of the days are weekdays.

A magician comes up to our table and does a card trick.

Impressed, I asked him how he did it.

He says "I can tell you, but I'd then have to kidnap you and take you away."

I said, "Can you tell my mother-in-law?"

It's my wife's birthday soon and she's been leaving jewelry catalogs all over the house.

I got the hint. I got her a magazine rack!

I've started growing herbs in my garden.

To help identify them I'm growing them in alphabetical order.

My neighbor asked me, "How do you find the time?"

I said, "Easy, it's right here next to the sage."

I saw a contractor's truck that offered free quotes.

So I asked for one.

He said, "To be or not to be, that is the question."

Junior: Mother, I can't find my baseball mitt.

Mother: Did you look in the car?

Junior: Where in the car?

Mother: Try the glove compartment.

A butcher casually asks his lawyer acquaintance what would be the legal position if a dog ran into his shop and stole some meat.

"Oh the situation is perfectly clear in law" replies the lawyer, "the dog's owner would be liable for the loss."

"Well", says the butcher, "it was your dog and he stole \$20 worth of steak."

The lawyer laughs good naturally and hands over a twenty.

A few days later an invoice for \$50 in legal services arrives in the butcher's mailbox."

"A lawyer setting up in business in a small town will starve but if two lawyers set up, they'll make each other rich."

-Mark Twain

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- 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** - (6 oz) char-grilled & served w/tomato gravy..... **11.50**
- Pork Chops** - two tender chops grilled or fried..... **11.50**
- Country Ham** - char-grilled..... **11.50**
- Vegetable Plate** - your choice of four (4) side dishes..... **10.50**

Senior's Menu

(Reserved for 55 & over)

Served with your choice of two side dishes & iced tea
(SPLIT PLATE CHARGE \$ 2.00)

Served 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm October 15 to March 1

Served 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm March 2 to October 14

- Coconut Shrimp** with spicy orange marmalade..... **16.99**
- Stuffed Shrimp**..... **16.99**
bacon wrapped, stuffed with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese
- 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**
- Fried Chicken Tenders** with honey-mustard..... **11.99**
- Grilled Chicken Breast** with a light touch of lemon-herb oil..... **12.99**
- Yellow-Fin Tuna** grilled or blackened..... **15.99**
- Trigger** grilled, fried, blackened or broiled almondine..... **15.99**
- Flounder** fried or broiled almondine..... **12.99**
- Grouper** grilled, blackened, broiled almondine or fried..... **15.99**

Side Dishes

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sweet Potato Casserole | Cole Slaw | Baked Potato |
| Steamed Vegetables | French Fries | Yellow Rice |
| | Fried Green Tomatoes | Hush Puppies |

Substitute House or Caesar Salad for a Side Dish - Add \$2.75

LUNCH SPECIALS \$11.50

Includes two sides, iced tea and bread:

- Monday:** Fried Chicken • **Tuesday:** BBQ Meatloaf
- Wednesday:** Chicken and Dumplings • **Thursday:** Beef Tips over White Rice
- Friday:** Fried Parmesan encrusted Flounder-Topped with tarragon aioli and parmesan cheese
- Sunday:** Baked Parmesan encrusted Flounder-Topped with tarragon aioli and parmesan cheese

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