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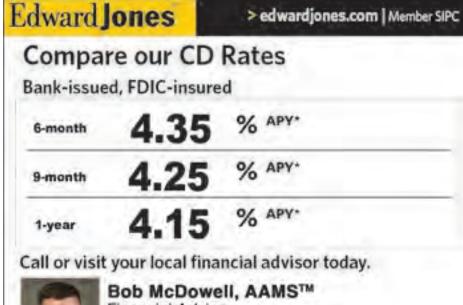
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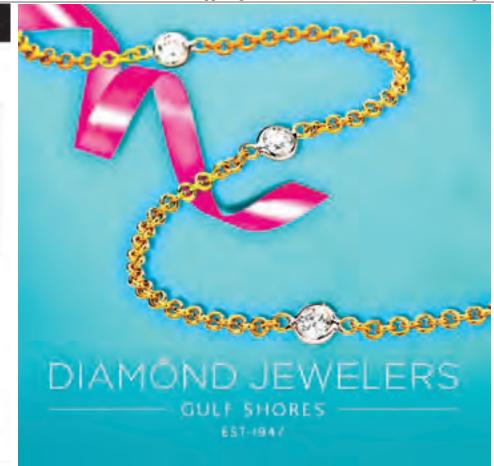


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Winter Concert Series includes Motown, Einstein, Satchmo

The City of Gulf Shores 2025 Winter Concert Series will include multiple shows from Larry Gatlin, an Albert Einstein play, Forever Motown and a musical tribute to Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. All the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center concerts start at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$40 and are available at gulfshoresal.gov or at the Gulf Shores City Store, located at 1821 Gulf Shores Pkwy. (open Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m). For more info, call 251-968-1171.

Larry Gatlin: Jan. 27-28

Larry Gatlin began performing with his brothers Steve and Rudy at a young age and later attended Houston on a football scholarship. His talent for songwriting led to a successful touring career with his brothers from 1976 to 1992. He has written songs recorded by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and Barbra Streisand. After the Gatlin Brothers' farewell tour in 1992, Larry pursued a career in musical theater, starring in the Tony Award-winning "The Will Rogers Follies." He has since written an autobiography, recorded solo albums, and reunited with his brothers for select performances and new music releases. In 2019, Gatlin was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Einstein!: Feb. 3-4

Einstein! is an inspirational play sheds light on Albert Einstein's early struggles and triumphs, offering insight into his personal and professional challenges during a tumultuous period in 1914 Berlin. Despite facing skepticism, isolation, health issues, and personal turmoil, Einstein develops groundbreaking theories that will change the world. Told with humor and heart, the show highlights the resilience of the human spirit and the making of an iconic genius. Performer Jack Fry brings to life the little-known story behind Einstein's "crazy" hair and the birth of our modern technological age.

What a Wonderful World: Feb. 10-11

This tribute celebrates the legendary music of Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, one of the greatest partnerships in jazz history. World-renowned trumpet virtuoso and vocalist Longineu Parsons joins forces with Tina Fabrique, acclaimed for her portraval of Ella Fitzgerald and as the voice of "Reading Rainbow."

Forever Motown: Feb. 17-18

Forever Motown brings together the greatest Motown groups of all time in one spectacular show, guaranteeing a sing-along, dance-along experience for the whole family. Expect to hear songs from The Four Tops, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder.

Little Lagoon Preservation Society open meeting Nov. 7 GSP Learning Center environmental educator Shultz to speak

The Little Lagoon Preservation Society invites the community to hear guest speaker Leah Shultz from Gulf State Park Learning Campus at its Nov. 7 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center, located at 260 Clubhouse Drive in Gulf Shores. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. with socializing, light food, and beverages.

Leah is an Environmental Educator with Valor Hospitality and a graduate of the University of Alabama with a master's degree in environmental management and policy from American Public University. She brings a variety of experiences to the table, including spearheading water quality policy and research endeavors, field experience in oyster gardening and living shoreline projects, and educational programming expertise.

At the Learning Campus, she works with visitors and locals of all ages to build knowledge of our island's incredible ecosystems. Leah will discuss the programs offered for children and for adults, when they are scheduled, and how the public can participate in these programs.

GSUMC will host Nov. 14 coping w. holidays event

Gulf Shores Methodist Church will host a free two hour Surviving the Holidays special event on Thursday night, Nov. 14 from 5-7 p.m. in room 201 on the South Campus next to Family Dollar. This is a nationwide program GriefShare ministry (griefshare.org) designed to help those who are grieving navigate through the difficult holiday season. For someone who has lost a loved one, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be very bleak, sad, and frightening. Å video and discussion will offer coping tools and support for all who are grieving the absence of their loved one. Register at griefshare.org or call 251-968-2411.

6-week Trim-A-Tree opens Nov. 8 at Foley Art Center

The Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree opens on Nov. 8 and will remain open through Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday at the FAC's campus across from Heritage Park on Hwy. 59. For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit folevartcenter.com.

The annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event features wonderful creations by over 120 local artists & crafters from throughout the southeast. All vendors are juried members of the Foley Art Center Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stainglass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry. Originial art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

The dream of 15 local citizens, The Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast with programs in local schools, scholarships for advanced degrees in the arts and art classes for children and adults for more than 50 vears.

CoastAL Restaurant & Rouses host Gumbo Fest on Nov. 2

CoastAL Restaurant and Rouses Markets will host the National Gumbo Fest on Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CoastAl's beachfront campus at the southend of Hwy. 61 in Orange Beach. More info: gumbofest.com.

Tickets are \$25 and include eight tasting tickets and a People's Choice vote. Make a donation of \$10 or a non-perishable food item for extra tasting tickets and People's Choice votes.

Proceeds from the event will support scholarships for local students majoring in hospitality and local food banks, as the festival emphasizes giving back while celebrating Southern cuisine.

Competing teams will receive a \$100 Rouses Markets gift card, three festival T-shirts, and a CoastAL gift bag. Prizes for the best gumbo include \$1,000 for the winner, \$500 for 2nd place and People's Choice and \$250 for 3rd place.

Gumbo, a stew rich in history and cultural significance, dates back to 18th century Louisiana, where it emerged as a blend of West African, Native American, French, Spanish, and German culinary traditions. Made with ingredients, it is a symbol of Southern heritage.

Sound Decision plays at Nov. 9 Lagoon Baptist Church Fall Fest

Lagoon Baptist Church will host its 2nd Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the church's campus at 17867 Hwy 180 in Gulf Shores.

Events include a chili cook-off, an adult putting contest, and games for both adults and children. Kids activities include a bounce house and an inflatable slide. There will also be a bake sale and Sound Decision will play music from the 60's thru the 90's. Chili, corn bread, hot dogs and other items will be available for purchase. For more info, email lagoonbcoffice@gmail.com, visit lagoonbc.com or call 251-968-7057.

Fall Bazaar Nov. 23 at St. John the Baptist in Magnolia Springs

The Annual Fall Bazaar at St. John's Catholic Church in Magnolia Springs is slated Saturday, Nov. 20 from 8 am to 4 p.m.) on the oakshaded church grounds. Five-star seafood gumbo and blue-ribbon shrimp creole will be available by the quart and can be pre-ordered by calling Angela Ray at 251-942-9067 or the church office at 251-965-7719. Info is also available at stjohnms.com. The bazaar will also feature a silent auction, Aunt Ruthie's Treasurers, handmade crafts, gift baskets and baked goods. The Basket of Cheer raffle donated by Mgnolia Hotel and Fish River Grill is valued at \$1000; tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and includes include a two-night stay at the historic Hotel Magnolia in Foley. St. John's is located at 10800 Saint John's Lane, just off of County Rd. 26.

Gulf Shores Community Expo Nov. 7 at Erie Meyer Civic Center

The City of Gulf Shores will sponsor a community expo on Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. amd 4-6 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center at 1930 W 2nd St. Meet and learn about local civic groups, clubs and organizations. Connect, volunteer, gain sponsorships, partnerships and take advantage of the wonderful services these organizations provide to the community.

Orange Beach police & firemen appreciation potluck is Nov. 4

Orange Beach's police and firemen will be honored aat the next Orange Beach Community Potluck Dinner on Monday, Nov. 4 at the Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Rd.. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. The fried chicken entrée will be provided by the Orange Beach Community Association. Attendees may bring a side dish, dessert or pay \$5, if unable to prepare a food item.



The City of Gulf Shores is excited to announce the 2025 Winter Concert Series Lineup! All shows will be held at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center and require a purchased ticket. For more information, visit gulfshoresAL.gov/WinterConcertSeries.



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Thunderbirds will fly with Blue Angels at NAS Nov. 1-2 Team's homecoming weekend is Pensacola's top event every year

The Air Force Thunderbirds will fly alongside the Blue Angels during the team's Nov. 1-2 Homecoming Air Shows onboard NAS Pensacola.

"The Blue Angels and Homecoming Air Show are most certainly ingrained in the identity of Pensacola and the surrounding communities, and we are proud to be able to host a family-friendly event showcasing the capabilities and precision of both the Navy and Air Force teams as well as our civilian performers," said NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer Terry Shashaty.

The Blue Angels and Thunderbirds trained together in Pensacola in 2017 and 2020 and also debuted the 12 jet Super Delta formation during the National Memorial Day Parade in 2021.

Gates open at 8 a.m., and spectators are encouraged to bring their own seating. Paid seating is available for purchase to see an incredible lineup of aerobatic performers and Penscola's own Blue Angels. The show starts at 9:30 a.m. and the Blue Angels are expected to fly around 2 p.m. both days. Parking and admission are both free. Buses will be available to shuttle spectators to the airfield from designated parking lots. It is a bring-your-own seat event, but box seating starts at \$50 per seat and offers individual, reserved theater-style chairs located left of the center of the show on the show-line. Flightline Club reservations start at \$300 for a table of two.

In addition to the show, static displays, food, a kids' zone and memorabilia will be available at numerous concessions stands.

Since 1946, the Blue Angels have flown for more than 260 million spectators. Most of the show alternates between maneuvers performed by the Diamond Formation and those performed by the Solos.

Foley will build connector park in annexed Mills community

Plans are moving forward to develop a city park in the Mills community and to link the area to Foley's network of walkways. Foley officials have been working on plans for the park since Mills residents voted to be annexed into the city in 2023.

"We bought the property for the new park," Mayor Ralph Hellmich said. "We have cleared the property. The design of the park is under progress. We've had community meetings out there so they could provide input."

Hellmich said the city is also working to build new sidewalks in Mills. The sidewalks are part of a citywide plan to extend walkways around Foley. Walkways in Mills would extend pedestrian access along Fern Avenue to the sidewalk system now under construction on Cedar Street. The sidewalks will also link Peachtree Avenue and then go east to Juniper Street and then south. The city has also been awarded a state Transportation grant of \$800,000 to extend sidewalks on Alabama 59.

Burgers, Brats & Beer Fest Nov. 9 at Heritage Park in Foley

The Burgers, Brats & Beer Fest will be held on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Heritage Park (200 N McKenzie St.) in Foley. Entry is \$5 (12 and under free). Entertainment includes an Alabama and Tom Petty tribute bands and Wolfy Grin playing pop and rock hits.

Food vendors will have tasty burgers and brats, sample sizes available along with menu items for purchase. Beer, wine and mixed drinks will be served, and the event also includes arts and crafts vendors, a kids zone, a bounce house and a petting zoo. There will also bee brats eating, burger toss, guess the beer and stein holding contests.

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Propagation topic at Nov. 6 GSGC meeting

Baldwin County Master Gardener Delores Hammack will talk about propagating at the Gulf Shores Garden Club's Nov. 6 meeting at the Gulf Shores Activity Center (260 Clubhouse Dr.). Social time with refreshments starts at 9:15 a.m., and the meeting is called to order at 9:45 a.m. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Any plant donations are popular as many members are passionate gardeners. Club members gain new ideas about gardening, learn to design floral arrangements and dabble in the landscape.

"Having fun, making new friends, and participating in local civic projects are part of what we do in the Gulf Shores Garden Club," said president Sharon Smith. For more info, contact Diane Clark at 419 670-2739.

Honeybee Fest Nov. 2 in Robertsdale

The Honeybee Festival returns to downtown Robertsdale from 9 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. on Nov. 2. A fundraiser for the Central Baldwin Education Foundation, the fest includes arts & crafts vendors, food trucks, a children's village, pony rides, bounce houses and games. The fest will be held at Honeybee Park at 22780 Milwaukee St. and all proceeds benefit the Central Baldwin Feeder Pattern. Little Miss Honeybee, Little Miss Charity, Young Miss Honeybee, Young Miss Charity, Miss Photogenic, Miss Congeniality & Most Creative & Queen of Honeybee Queens will be presented at the fest.

Magnolia Springs 5K & Fun Run is Nov. 2

Enjoy some of Baldwin County's most majestic scenery during the 2024 Magnolia 5K Run, 5K Walk, and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 8 a.m. Visit bit.ly/magnoliarun to register.

Presented by Baldwin County Sewer Service and hosted by the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the course features large oak tree canopies and historic homes lining the streets through the heart of Magnolia Springs. The fun begins and ends in front of Jesse's Restaurant, located at 14770 Oak Street. Funds raised from the race will benefit the Dream Center of Baldwin County, a nonprofit dedicated to serving disadvantaged youth in Baldwin County.

Wheelchairs for Warriors Golf Nov. 8

By Tim Watts

The 1st Annual Cotton Creek Men's Golf Association Tee Up for The Troops Charity Golf Scramble will be held at Craft Farms Golf Resort in Gulf Shores on Nov. 8, beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$600 per team and individuals can enter for \$150. Entry fee includes breakfast and lunch. Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, longest drive, closet to the pin and door prizes.

For sponsorships, donations, and entry info, contact Keith Roberson (b.keith.roberson@ gmail.com) 256-652-4875 or Faye Roberson (flaven33@gmail.com) 334-507-9334.

All proceeds will benefit Wheelchairs for Warriors Alabama recipient Miguel (Mikey) Torres. WFW is a non-profit that provides custom-fit mobility solutions (wheelchairs, scooter, etc.) to ensure wounded veterans and first responders can rejoin their lives at the highest possible level with independent mobility and function. (Info: wheelchairsforwarriors.org).

Bald. Child Advocacy Gala Nov. 7 in O.B.

The 2nd Annual Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center Fall Ball will be held on Nov. 7 at the Coastal Arts Center in Orange Beach from 6-9 p.m. The \$100 tickets include live music from Isling Live, a guest speaker, food, drinks and a silent auction. Funds will be used to help the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center/CARE House continue to provide lifechanging services for local children in crisis. Various levels of sponsorship are available. More info: baldwincountycac.org.

Gulf Shores Lions selling Boston Butts

The Gulf Shores Lions Club is hosting a Boston Butt sale in conjunction with LA BBQ in Foley. The deadline for ordering the meat is Nov. 8 and the pickup/delivery date for the cold double wrapped Butts is Nov. 15. Cost is \$45 per Butt. For more info, call 251-747-7975 or email deetail52@gmail.com.

Haven Memory Care Harvest Fest Nov. 14

Haven Memory Care in Gulf Shores (6848 State Hwy. 59) will host the Haven Harvest Festival on Thursday, November 14 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Festivities include a baked potato and chili bar, live music, games and a hayride. The fest is open to the public and Haven staff is looking forward to spending time with its extended Haven family.

Gulf Shores passes false alarm ordinance

Due to the increase in calls for fire alarms and elevator entrapments, Gulf Shores City Council has passed an ordinance that will givce the city the right to fine building owners for false fire alarms and elevator rescues after three warnings. The fourth call for a false fire alarm would trigger a \$500 fine or a \$50 fine for elevator entrapments. Any additional calls after that would be a \$1000 fine. The fines would be levied at the discretion of the fire chief.

"We will deal with each one of these on a caseby-case basis. Our intent is not to make money off of this, our intent is to reduce the number of calls," said Fire Chief Mark Sealy.

There would be no fines if an alarm was triggered by a person who believed there was an emergency or was activated by lightning.

In a 60 day period, GSFR crews responded to 13 calls for elevator rescue at 903 W. Beach Blvd, and six calls for fire alarm activation at 213 W. Fort Morgan Road and four fire alarm activations at 21300 Cotton Creek Drive.



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Kick-off parties Nov. 6 at Perdido Sports Bar & 'Bama

The Frank Brown Songwriters Festival kick-off party will be held Nov. 6 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Perdido Sports Bar (the first hour will be dedicated to the late Rock Killough) on Perdido Key. The party will continue with a Dallas Moore hosted kick-off beginning at 10:15 p.m. in Flora-Bama's Main Room

The FBISF kick-off was originally billed as a local songwriters appreciation night and was brought to the fest in the early 1990's by then Characters owner Elaine Webster. Gale & Larry Book, songwriters themselves, continued the tradition when they bought and re-named the bistro Characters Songwriters Cafe in 1999. Characters, like most of Perdido Key, washed away during Hurricane Ivan in September of 2004.

Annual Youth Songwriters Showcase Nov. 13 at LuLu's

Youth Songwriters Night at LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 5-9 p.m. This special evening of performances features young artists who were awarded appearances in the Annual FBISF Youth Showcase. Through an application process, FBISF selects youth songwriters to present to an audience of students from surrounding schools during a LuLu's sponsored luncheon early that day. Part of the FBIFFM Educational Outreach Program, the showcase awards scholarships and a paid performance in the FBISF.

Salute to Veterans Nov. 11 at Coastal Art Center of O.B.

The spectacular Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach, located directly on Wolf Bay will host its annual FBISF veterans tribute on Monday, Nov. 11 from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and on sale now at CAC. More info: 251-981-ARTS. Round 1 will feature Mutt Cooper, Steve Dean and Irene Kelley. Round 2 will feature Will Nance, Bobby Tomberlin and Bill Whyte.

Snider's free vocal care workshop Nov. 9 at Phoenix X

Dr. Phillip Snider (a musician) will host a free vocal care workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Phoenix X Condo Conference Room (directly west of Flora-Bama). Learn simple and practical techniques that let you sing and play longer and stronger with less effort. Trade bad habits for good ones to keep your voice healthy now and for many years. Learn how to navigate colds, allergies, eating on the go, and long performances. Learn about supplements, sprays, and lozenges for throat relief. In his practice, Dr. Snider uses his osteopathic training to help musicians get rid of pain, optimize their performance, and get back to enjoying life.

Gospel shows at 'Bama & St. Andrew's by the Sea Nov. 10

Songwriters will join the Flora-Bama Church band and play original gospel music at the Nov 10 services under the Flora-Bama big top tent at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Flora-Bama Church is proud to bill itself as a "judgement free zone," and guests are always welcomed joyfully. Richard Sullivan and Delnora Reed Acuff will sing at the 9 a.m. service and Richard Sullivan and Jerry Salley at the 11 a.m. service.

In addition, Larry Cordle, Carl Jackson and Jerry Salley will play a full fledged gospel concert on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew By The Sea (17263 Fort Morgan Rd.) in Gulf Shores. Delnora Reed Acuff will play at 2 p.m., and Cordle, Jackson and Salley will bring their amazing harmonies to the congregation at 2:45 p.m.

There is no cover charge for any of the church services.

Magic is in space between writers & the back of room

By Fran Thompson

Cynthia Adams, the woman tasked with matching writers with venues, says the FBISF magic is in the space between the stage and the back of the room.

"It's the stories behind the songs. They are like golden nuggets to the audience," she said. "What spurred them to write it? Hearing the writers tell those stories allows the songs to come to fruition. Each audience member goes home with a nugget."

Adams said during a good set, the audience becomes one of the song's instruments. And that synchronicity allows for spontaneous magic moments.

"The underlying thread is like Joe (FBISF founder Joe Gilchrist) says, 'music makes the world a better place," and we are in a climate where the world could use a little sunshine," she said. "This festival has survived all these years despite hurricanes, an economic crisis, a pandemic. So many things. But it is still a beautiful thing where magic happens."

In addition to scheduling writers and running the fest website, working from Georgia, Adams designs and produces the festival program.

Close to 200 songwriters will perform some of the biggest hits in modern country music during the event. And while the Flora-Bama will be the only venue for the final four days of the festival, during the first week, venues stretch from Summerdale (The Frog Pond) to Pensacola (From the Ground Up Community Garden).

Gilchrist, who passed away in May of 2022, was also co-owner of the Flora-Bama. He founded the FBISF in 1984 as a way to celebrate the end of the season with his own possible/probabale writers, visiting Nashcats and other musical friends. The first official FBISF was held at The Saenger Theatre in Pensacola. Gilchrist said he lost at least \$10,000 on the venture.

"After that, I figured if I was going to lose that kind of money, I might as well have it at my own place," he said.

The festival thrived at the Flora-Bama with 11 nights of non-stop music - usually ending with Gilchrist buying a round for the diehards - until 1994, when then event director Brucie Glassell spearheaded an effort to share the musical wealth throughout the community.



Open mic in 'Bama main room Nov. 7-8 & Nov. 11-13

Bring your instrument, sign up and sing a song or two during open mic sessions Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 11-13 from noon yntiul 3 p.m. in the Flora-Bama main room. Come share original music or a song written by a festival participant. First come first serve, bring your instrument and get on the list.

Host Sean Gasaway is a two-time Native American Music Awards Song of the Year winning from Escatawpa, Mississippi. He is currently the education coordinator with the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. He has nearly 250 revenue earning copyrights, and four #1 songs on the Americana and Independent charts. **Pictured:** Pleasure Island based songwriter Dan Farmer belts out an original tune during a 2023 FBISF open mic session at the Flora-Bama.

Gulf Shores Museum hosts Nov. 7 showcase, exhibit

The Gulf Shores Museum (244 W 19th Ave.) will host a Nov. 7 FBISF show that will also showcase the museum's FBISF exhibit. Isaac Moore & Sadie McLendon are scheduled to play from 4-6 p.m.

McClendon has played with Cody Jinks, Dennis Quaid, and Randy Houser. And the Tuscaloosa native is considered a fierce and a rising star in Nashville. Moore is a multi-instrumentalist from Indiana who was writing songs by the time he turned 10. He plays along the Gulf Coast from Panama City Beach to Louisiana.



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Native American Tribute Nov. 10 at 'Bama Poarch Creek tribal dancers return for 2nd time

The FBISF's 7th Annual Native American Tribute will be held on the Flora-Bama's tent stage on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 4-6:30 p.m. and feature a 5:10 p.m. performance from the Poarch Creek Indian drummers & dancers. In addition, songwriters with a Native American heritage will peform, including Cass Hunter, Mickie James Aldis, Chad Wilson and Sean Gasaway. The event will include an immersive social friendship dance with the Poarch Creek dancers. This event is a beautiful way to weave the past into the present and foster a deeper understanding of Native American culture and traditions.

Free basic & advanced guitar workshops Nov. 9

Local guitarist Mac Walter will host both basic and advanced guitar skills workshops lastingh two hours on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the Phoenix 10 Condo Conference Room at 29576 Perdido Beach Blvd. (next to the Flora-Bama) in Orange Beach. The basic workshop is at 10 a.m., and the advanced workshop is at 1 p.m. There is no charge to attend either or both classes.

The basic workshop's focus is on the basic understanding of keys, how the primary chords work, basic chord theory and concepts. The advanced workshop focuses on understanding cords not traditionally found in the key, such as chord substitution and reharmonization. If time allows, the use of passing chords and possibly modulation will be discussed.



MCBRIDE & WARRIOR BEER COMPANY SUPPORT FBISF FOUNDATION:

The Perdido Key Music Festival was postponed in 2024 due to venue construction. The decision was made to postpone the annual festival, but fest founder Mark McBride continued with the festival's fundraising efforts by hosting a ticketed event at Warrior Beer Company on Sorrento Rd. in Pensacola to help raise money for the Frank Brown Foundation for Music's veteran songwriter program, Freedom Sings USA. The event featured the Tim Roberts Band and two Sig Sauer handguns were raffled. Presented by Beachbilly Lifestyle, Playa del Rio and Warrior Beer Company; the event was sponsored by McBride Companies, Beachbilly Lifestyle, Playa del Rio and Warrior Beer Company; the guns were generously donated by Greg Anderson of Blackstone Marketing Corp. Herb & Melinda Schwieter, beloved FBISF volunteers, helped make sure everything came together as smooth as Tennessee Whiskey. The event raised \$5,000 in the first of what will be McBride's ongoing collaboration with Warrior owner Gary Hefner to help veterans.

Hefner built Warrior Beer Company as a mission-based brewery with a focus on veteran programs. It is the perfect music venue to allow McBride's Perdido Key Music Fest a chance to grow and continue to raise charitble funds for charities. PKMF was founded by McBride at his Playa del Rio RV Resort on Perdido Key for 10 years before relocating to Warrior Beer Company. More info: PerdidoKeyMusicFestival.com.

Pictured: Andy Haynes, the Executive Director of the Frank Brown Foundation for Music, Mark A. McBride, co-owner of Beachbilly Lifestyle, owner of Playa del Rio, and founder of the Perdido Key Music Festival, and Gary Hefner, owner of Warrior Beer Company.

Frog Pond at Blue Moon Farm always a songwriters' paradise

The Frog Pond at Blue Moon Farm, Cathe Steele's songwriters' shrine in Silverhill started its fall schedule with a salute to Mobile muical icons Wet Willie (Jimmy Hall, Ricky Hirsch, Donna Hall) among its guests, and will feature host Grayson Capps, Ray Bonneville, Dave Jordan, and Cruz Contreras on Nov. 3. Corky Hughes (guitars) and Rurik Nunan (fiddle) will back up the writers.

Grayson will welcome Ryan Balthrop, Symone French, and Hanan Browning (Corky and Frankie Crawford backing) on Nov. 10, and Will Kimbrough, Nikki Talley, Lance Cowan (Corky, Gram and Jason Sharp backing) on Nov. 24.

Dec. 1 features Abe Partridge, Jody Carroll and Lightnin' Malcolm trading songs with Grayson, and the Frog Pond Christmas Party will be on Dec. 15 and feature Will Kimbrough, The Marlow Boys and other guests joining Grayson on stage.

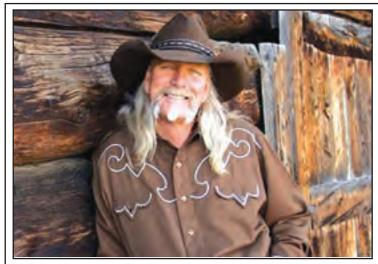
Frog Pond shows are held on an outside stage in an idyllic country setting and begin at 2 p.m. Seat donations are \$40 and are distributed directly to the players.

Since the venue is part of Folk Alliance International, attendees must be on a guest list. Reservations can be made by emailing thefrogpondbluemoonfarm@gmail.co m in advance.

Inspired by the late Levon Helm's Midnight Rambles, Steele built the Frog Pond's outdoor stage under a 200 year old Cedar tree on family property as a way to bring musicians and serious listeners together in an informal but respectful house concert setting. The focus is firmly on the music and community built through artists and listeners.

It's a place where musical magic happens in a true listening atmosphere where songwriters get back to their roots, and come together to woodshed.

Patrons bring their own chairs and beverages and are encouraged to participate in what is always a spectacular communal covered-dish dinner. Overnight camping is allowed.



Dean Dillon on Nov. 17 Fest's most anticipated show

Possibly the FBISF's most anticipated show, Dean Dillon's performance during this year's fest is scheduled on Nov. 16 in the Flora-Bama tent. The doors to the area will open at 6:15 p.m. and there is a \$30 per person charge payable at the gate. The tent

Longtime fest supporter Dean Dillon will help close out the 2024 event in the Flora-Bama's Tent Stage on Sunday, Nov. 17. Doors open aat 5 p.m. and admission is \$25 at ther gate. The schedule includes Adam Hood and Dallas Moore from 7-8 p.m., Dean Dillon from 8:10-9:10 p.m., and Wyatt Durrette, Dave Kennedy and Rob Snyder from 9:15-10:30 p.m.

Dillon, a hall of fame songwriter, was the 2013 BMI Icon and honored with the 2014 Academy of Country Music Poet's Award. He has written for Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard, and his collaborations with George Strait resulted in more than 70 charttopping hits. He also lent his skills to Kenny Chesney and Toby Keith. He is now a proud inductee in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Fest venues include shows on all three stages at 'Bama

Most FBISF concerts include multiple songwriters trading songs and telling the stories behind their lyrics in an intimate setting. To find out which writers are at which venues on which nights, visit FrankBrownSongwriters.com.

Events will be held at:

8 reale Speakeasy. 4851 Wharf Pkwy., Orange Beach; Coastal Arts Center, 26389 Canal Rd., Orange Beach, Flora-Bama (three stages), 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; Frog Pond, Silverhill, email thefrogpondbluemoonfarm@gmail.com; From the Ground Up Community Garden, 501 N Hayne St., Pensacola, Gulf Shores Public Library, 221 W 19th Ave.; Gulf Shores Museum, 244 W. 19th Ave.; Hub Stacy's, 5851 Galvez Rd., Innerarity; Icehouse Tap Room, 112 Windmill Ridge Rd., Gulf Shores; Johnny B's Front Porch, 33925 Hwy. 98, Lillian; Lillian's Pizza, 14514 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; Lulu's, 200 E 25th Ave., Gulf Shores; The Öar House, 1000 S Pace Blvd,. Pensacola; Orange Beach Library, 26267 Canal Rd.; OWA Theater, 205 N OWA Blvd., Foley; Perdido Key Breakfast Club, 13700 Perdido Key Dr.; Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach; The Point Restaurant, 14340 Innerarity Point Rd., Innerarity; Sandshaker at the Wharf, 4851 Wharf Pkwy., Orange Beach; Southwest Branch Library, 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy., Pensacola; Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores, 240 E 24th Ave.; Tacky Jacks Orange Beach, 27206 Safe Harbor Dr.; Warrior Beer Company, 10605 Sorrento Rd., Pensacola; Woodside Restaurant @ Gulf State Park, 20249 Ala State Hwy 135, Gulf Shores.



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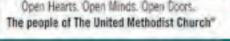
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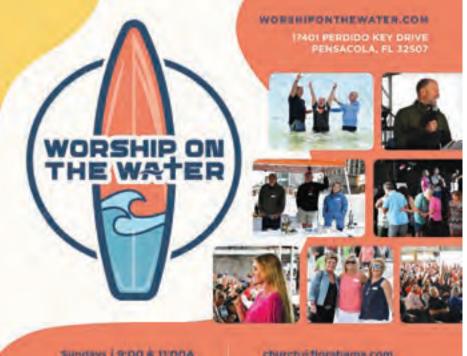
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Autism Awareness fundraiser Nov. 12 at Flora-Bama

By PatsyAnne Stout, Silent Auction Chairperson

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival Autism Awareness Night will be held November 12 at the FloraBama Tent Stage Mark your calendar and join us for a fun night with outstanding songwriters and wonderful donations for a raffle and silent auction. Doors open at 5 pm. We will have door prizes and giveaways all night long. Because of the Wonderful response we have had in the past we are again having our Silent Auction bidding to begin at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Raffle will be from 5 p.m. til 8:28 p.m. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Autism Pensacola. Autism Pensacola is a nonprofit organization serving the families surrounding the Gulf Coast.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for local children to attend summer camp and other enriching activities. It is our hope that with love and compassion to give them a voice of empowerment to be able to contribute back to the community.

We have so many exceptional donations in our raffle and silent Auction. We are extremely grateful for your support of our autism event and look forward to seeing You at the 'Bama.

Pictured: Pat Stout, Chair, Lori Hansen, Rosslyn Beard, Donna Eaton, Kristy Walters, Paula Rogers and Sandy Greer.

God has given Logan Blade the voice of music



Logan Blade, a musician with autism who has performed on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry with Josh Turner, will again perform during the Nov. 12 Autism Awareness Night at the FBISF. Logan first played at the benefit for the Autism Society of Pensacola in 2015 and has been back every year since then.

Logan was also a special guest at a Borderless Arts event in Tennessee, where he shared his music and his mother shared his

story. Diagnosed with autism at the age of 2, Logan doesn't speak conversationally, but his voice is heard when he sings. He can only say a few words but God has given him the voice of music.

Relatives of Nashville Royalty show Nov. 8 at 'Bama

New to the FBISF this year is the Relatives of Nashville Royalty Show in the Flora-Bama tent stage on Friday, Nov. 8 from 6-11:40 p.m. The lineup includes Hawkshaw Hawkins, Matt Lale, Tony Montgomery with Ben Murphy accompanying from 7-8 p.m.; Stephen Hunley, Quinn Loggins and Ricky Randolph from 8:10-9:10 p.m.; Tess Frizzell, Jenni Eddy Jennings, Waylon Payne, Matt Pittman and Bobby Tomberlin from 9:20-10:30 p.m., and Georgette Jones and Cherish Lee from 10:40-11:45 p.m.

Looking back, looking forward and saying thanks for 10 great years of Sandy Roots Records

Sandy Roots Records is a name that most music makers and music lovers along the Gulf Coast know well. Owners Nick Biebricher, Christina Crystal and Mark A. McBride have been a big part of our local music community since Sandy Roots Music Productions was started by Nick in 2014.

In the summer of 2014, Nick, Christina, Melissa Joiner and Maggie Beszko managed the Gulf Coast Songwriters Shootout at the Flora Bama. It was a sixweek long songwriting competition that was and still remains the largest songwriting competition ever on the Gulf Coast with a prize package winner valued at over \$10,000.

The shootout continued for two more years at the Hotspot

years at the Hotspot in Orange Beach, but by the fall of Nick 2016,and Christina instead started the Sandy Roots Songwriter Semonthly ries. а in the showcase courtyard the of Point Restaurant on Innerarity Point that featured local, regional and Nashville songwriters.

The showcase ran from April to Octo-

ber every year through 2022. And in 2019, they added Key Writers Night to showcase local and regional songwriters and talented musicians on a weekly basis.

Key Writers Night started at the Purple Parrot Tiki Bar and later moved to the Perdido Key Breakfast Club. It showcased original music from a featured artist followed by an original music open mic.

Nick and Christina were showcasing so many songwriters and writing with so many great folks that they decided to offer live audio engineering services in 2016 as a way to pay it forward to the local music community. A year later, Nick and Christina built a recording studio to record their own music and to offer recording services to artists on the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas.

In 2019, they wanted to grow the business, and created Sandy Roots Records in partnership with Mark A. McBride of McBride Companies and founder of the Perdido Key Music Fest.

The partnership enabled the company to add new technology and new studio equipment for live engineering and audio services that allowed for more event management capabilities. They also added an additional independent record label.

Even though the live music industry was basically shut down in 2020 due to COVID, Sandy Roots Records continued to sign artists, publish songs, and stay busy in the studio while Nick, Christina and Mark continued to write songs and host small private house parties.

September of 2022 brought Hurricane Sally and even more economic hardship, but Sandy Roots Records stayed positive and continued to do whatever it could for the Gulf Coast music community.

"I got involved with Sandy Roots Records to help the local music community and have some fun," Mark said. "Through Nick and Christina, I have been able to meet some great songwriters and have been fortunate to be able to write with many of them. Together we have been able to do some great things for our local community."

Around the same time that Nick started Sandy Roots Music Productions, Mark started hosting songwriter cookouts at his RV Park, the Playa del Rio RV Resort on Perdido Key. That eventually grew into the Perdido



Key Music Festival (originally known as HoodStock). It took place in May, and eventually grew into an annual music fest for the benefit of the Frank Brown Foundation for Music and a showcase for Gulf Coast based musicians. It also raised significant funds for the Frank Brown Foundation for Music and other local charities.

PKMF supports the local music community and raises money for many great charities and is still locked into the first weekend in May. It has outgrown the Playa del Rio, and plans are to host PKMF 2025 at the expansive Warrior Beer Company on Sorrento Rd.

By 2024, Nick,

Christina and Mark were all doing their own thing and decided it was time for Sandy Roots to say goodbye as a company so everyone could pursue their own endeavors.

Nick is still writing songs, providing sound for festivals. He recently had a song cut by a new Warner Bros artist, Coby Swift that is currently climbing the Texas syndicated radio charts and is headed to Billboard.

He also continues to be a recording engineer, producer, and live audio engineer through his new company Right Vibe, and is the in-house engineer for all the ticketed events at Docies Dock in Fort Walton Beach.

Right Vibe offers event management, entertainment and live audio services. The recording studio is currently in transition, and Mark plans to relocate the studio to Warrior Beer Company in 2025 where he wil work with proprietor Gary Hefner, who also owns Funky Octopus Records. Nick will be the in-house studio engineer and producer.

Christina, who everyone knows as a beautifully talented singer, songwriter, guitarist and artist, stays booked playing locally and continues to write songs, while she raises she and Nick's son, Tucker.

Currently, she is working with some big names in Nashville to get some of her songs cut.

"I'm just writing songs and playing music now, and not ready to talk about what all I am doing in Nashville yet." she said.

Mark is co-owner of Beachbilly Lifestyle, the owner of Playa del Rio RV Resort, and founder of PKMF, is retired and spends most of his time traveling and enjoying life.

"Life is short, enjoy every moment," he says often.

He continues to write with some great songwriters, and through the Mark A. McBride Arts & Music Fund non-profit he created following his retirement, he continues to sponsor the Frank Brown Songwriters' Festival, PKMF and other local songwriter and music events, including the recent Hwy. 98 Songwriters Jubilee at Johnny B's Front Porch in Lillian, the Beachbilly Lifestyle Summer Concert Series at Playa del Rio, and the annual Gulf Coast Musicians Medical Fund fundraiser at The Point Restaurant.

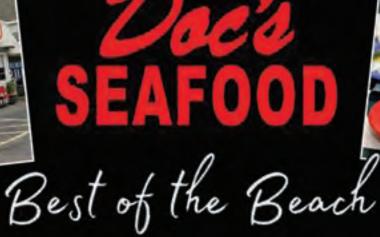
McBride devotes most of his free time to philanthropy, and continues giving back to the local music family and community through charity events and fundraisers.

He proudly serves on the board for the HAW5 Foundation, Annie Mae Ministries, and his own non-profit.

"I believe that one of the most important things in life is philanthropy," he said. "It does not matter how much you have or how much you give, as long as you do your part. Life is all about helping others and giving back."

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SBRMC has new name (Baldwin Health) and new 5-story facility

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center has a new name and a new fivestory facility to serve patients in the Foley area. The 185,000-plus squarefoot tower has been under construction for more than a year. The \$250-million expansion will increase the hospital's capacity and provide additional services.

The addition includes new surgical facilities with a dedicated outpatient surgery center and space to care for twice the number of high-acuity patients in intensive care. The wing also has a dedicated women's and children's unit and additional inpatient beds to accommodate more patients. "We are no longer just South Baldwin Regional Medical Center," said Dr. Margaret Roley, hospital administrator. "Thanks to all of the folks that

came before us and who continue to work with us, we've laid a foundation of an incredibly successful health system, and I think that you will see that our five-star service will remain the same.

"Bricks and mortar, as I say all the time, are pieces of the puzzle, but the glue that holds it together is the employees and the medical staff that provide this care to the community," she added.

Clark Stewart, chairman of the South Baldwin Health Care Authority, said community support has always been a key element of the success of the hospital. The hospital began with the donation of the property on which the initial building was constructed in 1958. Community members worked to raise \$75,000 to help start the project.

In 2000, authority board members voted to enter a partnership with Community Health Systems to operate the hospital. Stewart said that partnership has been a key to the growth of the hospital and health care services in Foley.

"We wouldn't be celebrating this day without the longtime partnership with Community Health Systems," Stewart said. "They've been just an incredible partner that spanned almost a quarter of a century now. We're in our 24th year of that relationship, and looking forward to many, many more."

Drew Mason, CHS region president, said the new addition will offer expanded services to the area.

This is going to be an advanced community hospital that's already spreading its wings through a vastly growing Baldwin County," Mason said. "We are going big already. Now, we're going to continue to do that with you and your county.'

12th Fairhope Film Fest Nov. 7-10 at six downtown venues

The 12th annual Fairhope Film Festival will be held Nov. 7-10 at multiple venues around the picturesque village. The fest features multiple short and feature films, panels moderated by industry insiders, coffee talks and films curated from other film festivals. Most have never been streamed nor seen at multiplexes.

Films often sell out. All tickets are sold online at: fairhopefilmfestival.org. Some tickets will also be available at Fairhope Welcome Center during the festival. Six of the seven festival venues are located within walking distance of each other in the city's flower-filled downtown area. Info: 251-202-9119, info@fairhopefilmfestival.org or visit fairhopefilmfestival.org.

Venues include: Coastal Alabama Community College Centennial Hall, 450 Fairhope Ave; Fairhope Public Library Giddens Center, 501 Fairhope Ave; USA Baldwin County Performance Center, 111 St. James Ave.; Fairhope Brewing Company, 914 Nichols Ave; Eastern Shore Art Center, 401 Oak Ave.; Summit Street Inn, 131 Fairhope Ave.; and Ben Gall Theater, 122 Fairhope Ave.

The fest includes more than 20 short and 40 feature films. There will be international and domestic feature films as well as documentaries. The films are all finalists at other film festivals, and most have never been seen at your local multiplex. Films sell out quickly and are \$15 each online at the fest site.

O.B. Waterfront Park Fall Back Time Bash Nov. 3

The Orange Beach Parks & Recreation Department will host a Fall Back Time Bash on Sunday, November 3 from 3-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park on Wolf Bay.

The event marks the first day with Daylight Savings with many fun activities. Test your luck with Bingo by the Bay at 3 p.m., enjoy the movie Back to the Future at 4 p.m. and bounce into fun with some inflatables from 3-6 p.m. For more info, call, 251-981-6783.

Mystics & Krewe de Swan Taste of Islands Dec. 6

The Mystics of Pleasure Baldwin County Benevolent Fund and the Krewe de Swan will present the Annual Taste of the Island on Friday, Dec. 6 at beginning at 6 p.m. at The Event Center at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets are on sale now for \$70 per or you can buy a table of 10 for \$700.

Only a limited number of tickets will be sold

and they are going fast.

The annual fundraiser includes tastings from more than 30 restaurants, an open bar, a fabulous silent auction with lovely baskets and live music from The Fuengo Show Band. Dress is Island Casual.

The Marines will be collecting Toys for Tots at the door so please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl or both!

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Bucky Eades at 205-613-5562 or email eadesx4@vahoo.com.

Food Trucks & Craft Beer Nov. 9-10 at Town Green

The Coastal Alabama Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival will be held Nov. 9-10 from 11 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. on the Town Green at Gulf Shores Public Beach. The event will include 15 food trucks and craft beers & other beverages. Food and drink tickets are available at eventbrite or at the site. More info: foodtruck festivalsofamerica.com.



Don & Teri Locke have been dancing their way around Shrimp Fest for 20 years

By Fran Thompson

Don and Teri Locke love to dance.

Specifically, they love to dance at the National Shrimp Festival, which recently completed its 51st year of providing fun, food, frivolity and cajun pistols at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The couple plans their fall vacation around Gulf Shores' signature event, traveling from their home in Shelbyville, TN (They are building a home nearby in Cookeville) and staying in the condo they own in Orange Beach.

"We love music and we have been coming to the Shrimp Fest for over 20 years, except for 2004 when Ivan came to visit and when it was cancelled due to COVID," Don said. "We love to dance to good music. Nothing professional, just for fun.

"Our normal schedule is to be there every day at 10 a.m. and we stay until closing, bouncing back and forth between East and West stages. We try to experience all the amazing talent locally and beyond. We are never disappointed." he added.

"We often joke with our friends here that we have to get out of our town to dance so we don't embarras our kids."

The couple met when Don was stationed at Kincheloe Air Force Base in Michigan near Teri's home in Sault Ste. Marie.

"We married in 1966 and have been madly in love for 58 years," Don said.

Don said he and Teri didn't put on their dancing shoes until they had already raised their three daughters.

"My wife said to me, 'We are going to learn to dance.' We did take a couple lessons just to get our feet wet and then we took it from there on our own," Don said.

Since Don retired from the commercial refrigeration business in 2006, their schedule has included shuffling their feet all around Pleasure Island when they are here.

"You don't have to look hard around here to find good music," Don said, adding that the Groovinators. Rhonda Hart, LeaAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi, Platinum Premier, Scott Koehn, Josh Newcom, Jonathan Newton and the Smokey Otis Band are among their favorites.

"There is a long list of others, and I am sure there are many fine entertainers that we have not had the pleasure of hearing," Don added. The couple has also made many friends while

out dancing.

"We have met so many nice people while out dancing over the years," Don said. "It is also nice to reunite with the Shrimp Fest workers that we have had the privilege of getting to know."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Email your shots to mulletwrapper@gulftel.com **PICTURES OF THE WEEK**



Robert White shares a picture of a beautiful Great Egret from Gulf Shores.



Michelle Hoolihan shares a sunset from Perdido Key.



From Paul Serina.



From Ann McDaniel.



Diane Folio writes, "Did somebody say crackers?'



From Chris Hodges of Lillian.

Registration open for Nov. 30 Coastal Half Marathon, 5K & Fun Run

Registration is open for the Coastal Half Marathon, 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run scheduled Saturday, Nov. 30. The annual event begins at the Orange Beach Sportsplex and winds through the accessible Gulf State Park Backcountry Trail system for a flat, fast and scenic race.

Participants and families are encouraged to stay and play along Alabama's Beaches for an extended Thanksgiving weekend full of togetherness, holiday shopping, activities and coastal cuisine.

The Coastal Half Marathon will serve as the Road Runners Club of America's Alabama State Championship for: open male/female; 40+ male/emale; 50+ male/emale; and 60+ male/female.

Christian Service Center Blossoms of Hope Nov. 16

Tickets are now on sale for the Blossoms of Hope Gala for the Christian Service Center at Perdido Beach Resort on Nov. 16 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. For sponsorship opportunities please contact event founder Terri Long of Wildflowers Bou-tique at 251-981-9453. For ticket info, visit at perdidobeachresort.com.

This fabulous fundraiser has been highly successful over the years in providing funding for CSC's Christmas Cheer program, providing toys for more than 500 children yearly. Over \$500,000 has been raised and numerous toys collected. Event profits also fund CSC's other children's programs.

The event includes a cocktail reception, hors d'oeurves, live and silent auctions, a champagne bubble bar and music from Jesse & The Jets (Jesse Duncan, Brent Varner, Cedric Brooks, Flo Rivers, & Mason Holland).

For more information please call 251.981.9453, email Blossomsofhopeal@gmail.com or visit perdidobeachresort. com.

The spectacular event draws over 375 local supporters, and is by far the largest fundraiser for CSC, with 100 percent of all ticket and auction proceeds going to CSC, a non-profit, all volunteer agency providing food and emergency financial assistance (and more) to low income families throughout Pleasure Island.

WED, OCT 30 • Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores

- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:20 a.m.; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd; Sally Bowen, President Perdido Key Chamber Foundation • Donna Slater: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort
- Morgan. • Zoe Buordett: 7; Sandshaker at the
- Wahrf; Orange Beach. Chris Hergenroder; 5; Carver's Steak-
- house; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic w. Renee Amelia: 6; Purple Parrot Beach Bar; Perdido Key.
 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.

- Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach
- Jeremy Russow: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.T
- Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Jeremy Perkins: 7; Gelato Joe's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley. • Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity
- Point.
- Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big
- Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores. • Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's;
- Foley. • Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.





Dec. 2nd-12th: OUPV Captains Class Gulf Shores, AL. (Day Classes) (No Weekend Classes) Jan 13th-25th OUPV Captains Class Jan. 26th-29th: Upgrade to Master 100 Ton Gulf Shores, AL. (Evening Classes) Feb 10th-22nd: OUPV Captains Class Feb. 23rd-26th: Upgrade to Master 100 Ton Feb. 27th: Towing Gulf Shores, AL. (Evening Classes)

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COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN By Carolyn Godfrey

Scalloped Corn

4 cups fresh or frozen corn

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup crushed saltines (about 30 crackers), divided
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, 3/4 cup cracker crumbs, butter, sugar, onion, salt and pepper. Transfer to a greased 1-1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cracker crumbs. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until a thermometer reads 160 degrees. Yield: 6 servings. **Enjoy!**

Foley United Methodist Indoor Arts & Crafts Show Nov. 16

The Foley United Methodist Church Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. All booths are indoors and the event includes a silent auction, food trucks and a bake sale. Meet and support local vendors and find lots of original holiday gifts. The church is located at 915 N. Pine Street in Foley. Email office@foleyumc.org for more info.

GSWC hosts Robert Bailey booksigning on Nov. 21 at Peninsula

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club will host a booksigning event for Alabama author Robert Bailey Robert Bailey on Nov. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at the Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club clubhouse from 4-6 p.m. For more info, email gswc1949@gmail.com.

Bailey is the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of the McMurtrie and Drake legal thrillers series, the Bocephus Haynes series, and the inspirational novel, The Golfer's Carol. A Huntsville native, Robert has loved stories, especially those about Coach Bear Bryant and his beloved Alabama Crimson Tide football team since he was a child.

Impact 100 Baldwin County awards \$515K to five non-profits

Five area nonprofits will now be able to better serve our community thanks to \$515,000 in grants from Impact 100 Baldwin County. At its annual Evening of Impact on October 24, Impact 100 Baldwin County named Family Promise of Baldwin County ("Family Promise Kids at Play"); Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast ("Baldwin County Big Futures"); North Baldwin Animal Shelter ("15 Year Shelter Renovation Project"); Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast ("The Wheels on the Bus") and Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc. ("Healthy Mothers, Healthy Futures") as its grant winners.

These five agencies were chosen from the focus areas of Arts & Culture & Recreation; Education; Environment & Preservation; Family; and Health & Wellness. They will each receive \$103,000.

The nonprofit organizations were selected from a competitive field of applicants and vetted by a rigorous review process including site visits, financial analysis and in-depth discussions within the respective focus group. The awards bring the total invested in our community to \$5.9 million since 2008. It also kicks off the membership campaign for 2025. Events will be held throughout the county in the coming months for women interested in learning more about membership. More info: impact100baldwincounty.org

Foley Rotary Oyster Run slated Nov. 9

The 31st Annual Foley Rotary Club Oyster Run will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at Orange Blossom Square in downtown Foley. The event consists of a 5k Run/Walk that will begin at 8 a.m. and a One Mile Fun Run that will begin at 9 a.m. The course is flat and fast and is certified by the USATF. Awards will be presented for all age group winners.

Each participant will receive an Oyster Run T-Shirt and other assorted swag. Race after-party will include beer, raw oysters, gumbo and pizza.

Registration information can be found at Runsignup. com or Foleyrotary.org. Race day registration will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. All race packets can be picked up at registration on the day of the event. The run supports many local Rotary Club charities.

Feeding The Gulf Coast Free food drive-thru Nov. 16

More than 10,000 lbs. of food will be available for distribution beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 16 at the Moonshine Saloon during a Feeding The Gulf Coast drive-thru sponsored by the Perdido Key Witches & Werewolves Halloween Paddle and Lost key Krewe. Anyone in need of a free box of groceries is welcome. The Moonshine Saloon is located at 9722 Hwy. 98 in Pensacola.

JJ Grey & Mofro play Live at Five on Nov. 8

JJ Grey & Mofro will play a Nov. 8 Live at Five concert at the Halstead Amphitheater (450 Fairhope Ave.) on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College in Fairhope. The cover charge is \$50, and, as the title states, concerts start at 5

THU, OCT 31

• Ronnie Pressley: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

- Bama Breakfast Club: 8 a.m.; All Bama fans welcome; Buzzcats; Orange Beach.
 Chris Hergenroder; 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- Dark Waters Project: 6; Purple Parrot Beach Bar; Perdido Key.
- Ryan Balthrop & Mark Joseph: 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

 Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.

- Key. • Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Backstreet Drivers: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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.

- Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores
 First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
 Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restau-
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
 Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley.
- Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at
- The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
 Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian
- Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

• Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:20 a.m.; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd; Emily Price- FL Dept of Environmental Protection.

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Christian Service Center Christmas Cheer program moving along

By Mary Lee Harms

The Christian Service Center Christmas Cheer program is really moving along. More parents/grandparents/guardians have come in to the Center to sign up their kids for our Christmas less-fortunate kids gifts program than ever this early in our signup period. Also, the earlier parents sign up for their children, the more likely the child is to receive exactly what is asked for. Angels are going out to the community and churches as quickly as toys are requested.

Again, registration is at The Christian Service Center, 317 Dolphin Ave., Gulf Shores, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 1-3pm in November and December until December 12. If you register in December, the kids will receive gender and age-appropriate gifts, but possibly not what was requested. The CSC will be closed November 27-December 1 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Christian Service Center serves our less-fortunate families in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Fort Morgan.

Pictured: Mary Mack Steele is delivering our first group of toys she purchased from our angels in the community; Deanna Konstantins, Jill Post, Janet Whitlock, and Judy Pulley turning registrations into angels.





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 Blue Angels Homecoming Show; Naval Air Station Pensacola.
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Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival: 10 til;
Seville Square Park, Pensacola.
Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's;

Gulf Shores. • FishFry w live music from Night Star;

Elks Lodge, Foley. • False Identity: 9; The Office, Foley.

Matt Erdman: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
Bronson Webb: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf

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Groovinators: 7; Hotel Magnolia, Foley.
Undertow Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

High Cotton: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity
Point

• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key. • Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

• Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.

Grief Support Group: 9 a.m. Foley Senior Center; 251-943-1877.
Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange

Beach.
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.

• Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerar-

ity Point. • Guided Pier Walk:

Guided Pier Walk: 9-10 a.m; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
Open Mic: 6; American Legion Post

199; Fairhope. • Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Le-

gion Post 99; Foley.
World Tavern Poker Tourney: 6 & 8;
Waffles R Wild- The Speakeasy; Foley.
Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.;

• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• First Friday Art Walk: 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.

• T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.

• Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf

Elberta honors veterans at Nov. 9 parade

Elberta will host a Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 9 beginning at 11 a.m. Line up is at 10:30 a.m., and the route is south on Illinois St to Hwy 98 East, turn North on Co. Rd. 83, then West on Oak back to Chicago and then the Elberta School. For more parade info, call Vicky Norris at 251-232-5393. "Come stand with our community and celebrate

those who have served to protect and serve our nation," Norris said.

Super Mario Brothers Nov. 21 at Meyer Park

The 7th annual Movies at Meyer Park Series (400 E 22nd Ave. in Gulf Shores) continues Nov. 21 with Super Mario Brothers and Dec. 19 with Elf. All Movies at Meyer Park showings are free to the public and begin at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free family friendly movie under the stars.

SBCT Christmas show auditions are Nov. 8-9

South Baldwin Community Theater will hold auditions for its annual Radio Theater production featuring "A Miracle on 34th Street," along with selections from Jack Benny and The Bickersons on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Performance dates are Dec. 12-15 for the book-in-hand performances with only two rehearsals. Robert Gardner is the producer and Reed Beaman the director. Register at signupgenius.com or email email sbct.biz@gmail.com for more info or consideration of another audition time.

Post 99 sponsors Nov. 11 Foley Vet's Parade

The Annual American Legion Post 99 Veteran's Day Parade and Wreath will be held on November 11 beginning at Max Griffin Park at 201 Verbana St. in Foley at noon. Lead units will start at the corner of Verbena and South Alston, lining up around Max Griffin Park on Verbena, South Pine and West Roosevelt St. Come and honor all our military veterans, and gather post parade for a short ceremony, fellowshp with veterans and free lunch at American Legion Post 99 (2101 S. McKenzie St.), the event coordinator.

Volunteer Workday on Johnson Beach Nov. 15

Escambia County will host a volunteer workday Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to remove weeds and debris along the recently planted restoration corridor on Johnson Beach Road. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian present for the entire event. Long sleeves and pants are recommended due to thorns and sand spurs in the work area. Sign up in advance on eventbrite.com. The group will meet at the entrance to Heron's Court near the engtrance to Johnson Beach. More info: smpitts@myescambia.com, 850-595-3460 or MyEscambia.com/pkhcp.



MAAAC DISTRIBUTES \$75K TO ORANGE BEACH CITY SCHOOLS: The Orange Beach Makos Academics, Arts, and Athletics Club (MAAAC) presented a check for \$75,000 to Orange Beach City Schools during thje Oct. 10 Makos varsity football game. This generous donation reflects the unwavering support of local sponsors and MAAAC members throughout 2024. The 2024 MAAAC Gala raised over \$30,000. That is in addition to sponsorships from individuals and businesses who beleive in the MAAC's mission of fostering educational opportunities for students MAAAC will make a second distribution to the Orange Beach City School System in November Since its inception in 2019, MAAAC has raised and distributed more than \$1.5 million to support Orange Beach students in their academic, artistic, and athletic programs. More info: obmaaac.org. Pictured: Jeremy Collins, Krista Rowlett, Monica Covington, Marlo Webb, Matt Fetner (MAAAC Board President,) Jason Jackson, Superintendent Randy Wilkes, Ryan Beebe, Tim Richtmeyer.







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CITIZENS, MANNING JEWELRY, FEAST & CO. ARE BEAUTIFUL: Foley City Council recently presented annual Beautification Awards to Citizens Bank, Manning Jewelry and Feast & Company. The awards recognize outstanding beautification efforts in the city, as selected each year by the Revitalization and Beautification Board.

Bon Secour's Morgan's Chapel sponsors holiday dinner boxes

Morgan's Chapel UMC in Bon Secour has opened their annual drive to raise funds for the holiday dinner boxes that will be distributed in Bon Secour before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Complete dinner kits for a traditional Thanksgiving family dinner will be given to clients of the Morgan's Chapel Food Ministry.

Each box will contain a turkey for Thanksgiving, plus sides. The operation will be the same for Christmas except a ham, if affordable, will be the entree. The church expects the cost for both dinner boxes to be approximately \$100 per family. The church currently provides free food to over 100 families each week.

If anyone has the desire to participate in this local mission project, donations will be appreciated. If you choose to sponsor a family food box for both meals, please send \$100 (check) to: Morgan's Chapel, P.O. Box 88, Bon Secour, AL 36511. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by a statement for the IRS. More info, email: mableanderson442@gmail. com.

Shorty's Safe Haven in Elberta \$15,000 grand prize fundraiser

Shorty's Safe Haven, an Elberta based non-profit that brings rescue horses and at risk, struggling girls ages 10-18 together, is in the midst of its Fall Frenzy Cash Drawing. The grand prize is \$15,000 and tickets are \$100 each. There are also 19 other prizes. The drawing will be held on Dec. 1 or when all 1,000 tickets are sold. For tickets or more info about Shorty's, call 251-213-9634 or 251-213-8526 or email shortyssafehaven@gmail.com.



OBGC YARD OF THE MONTH The Orange Beach Garden Club has selected the home of Russell and Sue Ann Harris, 6211 Yellowfin, as the spooky Yard of the Month. Pictured: Russell and Sue Ann Harris, homeowners and Debbie Black, OB Garden Club.

Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

- SAT, NOV 2 Gumbo Festival: 11-3; CoastAl Restauranat; Orange Beach. · Blue Angels Homecoming Show; Naval
- Air Station Pensacola.
- Magnolia 5K Run: Magnolia Springs. • Honeybee Fest & 5K; 8 a.m. til; Robertsdale.
- Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival: 10 til; Seville Square Park, Pensacola.
- Greg Brown: 1; Woodside Restaurant at
- Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Gypsy Pearl: 9; The Office, Folev.
- False Identity; 5; Elks Lodge, Foley.
- Doc Rogers & The Rock Dodgers: 7;
- Hotel Magnolia, Foley. • Brandon Giles Band: 9; Sandshaker at
- The Wharf; Orange Beach. • Dead Flowers: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerar-
- ity Point. • Experience The Osyter: ; The Hangout,
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- Čedrick 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.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan. • Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf
- Shores. • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II;
- Orange Beach. • Music Bingo: 6; Waffles R Wild- The
- Speakeasy; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope ..
- Piano Bar: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange



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What's Happening

Beach

· Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

SUN, NOV 3

• Adam Tyler Brown: 1; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• Issac Moore: 1; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.

 Zach Chavers: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

• Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival: 10 til; Seville Square Park, Pensacola.

 Savage: 5; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point. • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.

• Trivia: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores

• 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. Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post

44, Gulf Shores. The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Or-

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• League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley. • Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores

MON, NOV 4 • Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; 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; Per-

dido Kev. • Trivia Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf

Shores. • Trivia Night: 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• Orange Beach Potluck: 6; O.B. Community Center, guest speakers, everyone is welcome.

• Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian

Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.

Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa

Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. • Bridge (11 a.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): American



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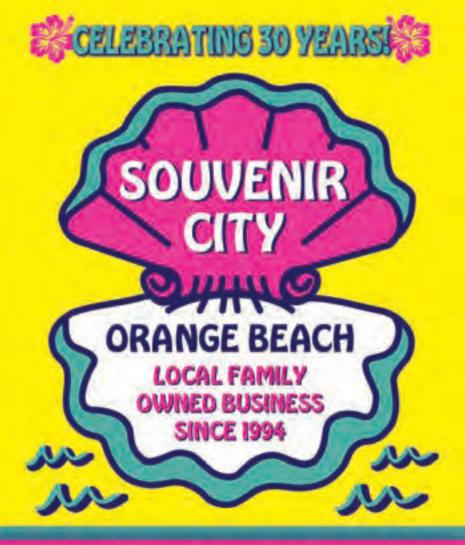
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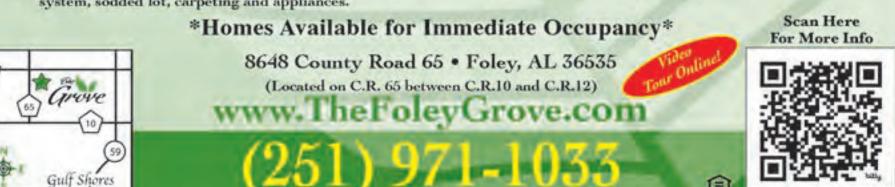


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Orange Beach.

- · Bingo:Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Ancient Aviators Meeting: 8:30; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores; all are welcome.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440
- Karaoke: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Trivia: 6; Waffles R Wild- The Speakeasy; Foley. • Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- South Baldwin Newcomers Club: 11; various
- restaurants. Meeting/lunch/guest speaker. Info: SouthBaldwinNewcomers.com.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973
- Beginner's Pickleball: 1-4 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall: 980-INFO.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St

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- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:20 a.m.; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd.
- Delta Donnie: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Brent Varner: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

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Saucy Fuzz: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
Jeremy Russow: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
Open Jam w. Nigel Dickie & Friends: 6; Tacky

- Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Al.Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley. • JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• Pickleball: 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores

• Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores

• BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.

- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.

 Gulf Shores Garden Club: 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center; new members and guests al-

ways welcome.w • Al-Anon: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

- **THU, NOV 7** FBISF Songwriters Fest; various venues;
- frankbrownsongwriters.com. • Frank Brown Songwriters: 5:30-9 p.m.; Tacky
- Jacks; Gulf Shores. • Frank Brown Songwriters: 5:30-9 p.m.; Tacky
- Jacks; Orange Beach. FBISF: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Friends of Paul: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point. • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see
- florabama.com; Perdido Řey. Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
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Dec. 12	Light Up The Arts! 5:30		
Jan. 10	Four A Change concert, 6:00 *		
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Foley Sister Cities program hosts students, teachers from Hennef

During the week of the recent Foley Sister Cities 5K Octoberfest Run at OWA, an event that included participation from teachers and students from Hennef, Germany who stayed in the homes of Foley host families, the Foley Sister Cities Commission reiterated its commitment promoting cultural, educational, and commercial relationships between the two cities.

The German students had four requests before they came and acomplished all of them. The students went on a dolphin cruise, saw alligators at Alligator Alley, attended a Foley High football game, and participated in (pictured) Share the Beach turtle training.

In addition, they visited Foley Elementary School, Foley Railroad Museum, the Naval Aviation Museum, the Mobile Carnival Museum, and the USS Alabama Battleship. Deep friendships have developed between the two cities' residents over the last year.

"This exchange was an amazing experience," said Foley High student Drake Zarro. "It was so fun to meet new people and explore places I have never been to. This exchange has left me with a bunch of lifelong friends who I still talk to even after the trip. It has shown me how other people in different countries do things differently."

"This program was like opening our home to a whole new world," added Drake's mother, Janice Zarro. "Not only did we gain knowledge about other cultures, but we gained a new family member along the way."

Last summer, Foley sent high school students and teacher/chaperons to stay in the homes of Hennef residents.

"This is exactly what we hoped this program would do: Promote long-term, global people-to-people relationships," said Linda B. Spangrud, the program's executive director.

The next big project for Foley Sister Cities is an international, intergenerational cookbook. The recipes are gathered, translated and now being formated for publication and printing. The book will be available for public purchase.

The Foley Sister Cities Commission is, indeed, "Building Peace Through People". For more info, visit foleysistercities.com, email foleysistercities@gmail.com or call 815-978-5976

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mixed Doubles pickleball Nov. 16

The inaugural Remax Gulf Shores Pickleball Tourney benefiting Children's Miracle League Hospitals will be held Nov. 16 at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex (19025 Oak Rd W). The mixed doubles tourney includes three divisions of play - beginner/intermediate, advanced and Baldwin Co. realtors. Registration is \$80 per team. For more info, email pickleball@remaxgs.com.

The 12 courts at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex are located on the east side of the Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium and are open daily from sunrsie til 10 p.m. to the public at no cost. Hello,

Local Artist Market Nov. 24 at O.B. Community Center

Artist for Artists will present the inagural Best Local Artist Market on Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center at 27235 Canal Rd. For sale will be original art, jewelry, gluten free gourmet food and baked goodies. For more info, call 251-978-7093 or 901-857-6177.

Jan. 22 flower seminar tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Gulf Shores Garden Club's 32nd Annual Floral Seminar scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center (1930 West 2nd St.) in Gulf Shores. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. Tickets are\$30 and available at Island Enclosures (3757 Gulf Shores Pkwy.) and the Thomas B. Norton Public Library (221 W. 19th Ave.). For 10 or more, call Charlotte Higgins at 205-410-3190. Tickets usually sell out so get them early.



ORANGE BEACH CITY SCHOOLS CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION RATE IS 100 PERCENT: Orange Beach City School graduating class of 2024 has achieved an outstanding 100 percent graduation rate. In Alabama, the graduation rate is determined by the percentage of students who graduate on time, within four years of entering ninth grade. This cohort-based calculation includes all students who enrolled during those four years, making the 100 percent graduation rate even more significant. "This achievement is a testament to the power of collaboration and our collective focus on preparing students for success in college, career and life," said Randy Wilkes, Superintendent of Orange Beach City Schools. This year's achievement builds upon the success of the Class of 2023, which boasted an impressive 98% graduation rate, solidifying O.B.'s reputation for fostering academic excellence.

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- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Jeremy Russow: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Sen-
- ior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Trivia Night: 6; Towne Tap, Foley. • Karaoke/DJ w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at
- The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan. Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour .:

• Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of

- Christ, Gulf Shores. Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley. Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores.
- · Gulf Shores Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 8am; every Thursday; South Campus; (251) 968-2411.
- Grief Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

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Foley ordinance will require greenbelt zones for new subdivisions

Foley City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, Nov. 4 on an ordinance that would require a greenbelt zone, a landscaped barrier, to be built around new subdivisions that border high-traffic corridor roadways.

The greenbelt zone will enhance the aesthetic experience for the public and be a visual and sound barrier for subdivision residents, shielding neighborhoods from the noise and traffic of passing vehicles, according to Wayne Dyess, Foley executive director of infrastructure and development. The ordinance, aimed at mitigating continuous fencing around neighborhoods, would apply only to subdivisions to be built in the future.

The ordiance will help soften the appearance of perimeter fences around a development, making them less visible to those outside the subdivision and reducing the visual impact of potential maintenance issues or disrepair over time.

"The fence would not be as prominent," Dyess said. "It would be there if they wanted it, but it would be hidden to some degree by the landscaping."

Mayor Ralph Hellmich said some subdivisions already have landscaped perimeters similar to what the ordinance requires.

"That's what this ordinance will do," Hellmich said. "It will encourage a small belt of trees that will allow you to have a little setback and then their fences behind that."

The greenbelt would include landscaping, trees, shrubs and ground cover to create a barrier along the front perimeter of a subdivision. The greenbelt would be at least 25 feet wide.

Dyess said the ordinance grants the Foley Planning Commission flexibility in applying, or even waiving, the greenbelt requirement in areas where it may be out of context or inappropriate. This could include the central business area, downtown neighborhoods, village centers with high street connectivity and developments with superior design and where the greenbelt may not align with the surrounding or adjacent development context.

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- Mike Diamond: 4; CoastaAL Restaurant; Orange Beach. • Les Linton: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Mor-
- gan. • Jenna McClelland: 7; Hub Stacy's, In-
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- Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Hotel Magnolia, Foley.
- High Cotton: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key
- 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.
- Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores
- World Tavern Poker Tourney: 6 & 8; Waffles R Wild- The Speakeasy; 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.

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- FBISF Songwriters Fest; various ven-
- ues; frankbrownsongwriters.com.
- FBISF: 11:15 & 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival: 11
- PICKIN' & GRINNIN' MONDAYS W. BUDDY WRIGHT AT ELITE MARINE BOAT SALES
- Buddy Wright, owner of Elite Marine Boat Sales in Folev, is not sure the exact year he and invited friends started gathering in the spacious back room at his business for Monday night music jams. But Elite Marine has occupied space at the corner of Hwy. 59 & Chestnut Dr. in Foley since 2003, and Buddy is sure his friends Charlie Rosser and Jimmy Stevens brought guitars for the first one. At this point, it is not unusual for pickers in the double digits to tag team time on stage the second Monday of the month for Pickin' N' Grinnin' at Elite Marine. The evenings always involve a potluck and a roomful of friends there to enjoy the music and each

- a.m. til 5 p.m.; Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (Gulf Place).
- Bruti: 7; Hotel Magnolia, Foley.
- High Cotton: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Groovinators; 6; Elks Lodge, Foley. • False Identity: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Smokey Otis: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerar-
- ity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido
- Čedrick Brooks: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
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- Beach • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II;
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- Karaoke w. Bobby Lee: 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope..
 Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf
- Shores
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- · Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- ues; frankbrownsongwriters.com.
- FBISF: 11:15 & 4; Woodside Restau-
- rant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Johnny Hayes: 1; CoastaAL Restau-
- rant; Orange Beach. • Brooks Johnson: 5; Lucy Buffett's

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- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido Key
- Trivia: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores. • 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.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion
- Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Liza 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 Stacey's at the
- Point; Innerarity Point. League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
 - Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores

- MON, NOV 11 FBISF Songwriters Fest; various venues; frankbrownsongwriters.com.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's;
- Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: see florabama.com; Perdido
- Key • Trivia Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery;
- Gulf Shores • Open Mic Night: 7; Sandshaker at The
- Wharf; Orange Beach. • Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Chris-
- tian Church, Fairhope, 850-206-5084.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby

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• League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley. • Family Trivia: 4:30; The Hangout; Gulf Shores

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251-967-4840.• Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.

Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian

TUE, NOV 12 • Alan Renfroe: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores

• FBISF Songwriters Fest; various venues; frankbrownsongwriters.com.

 Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

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• Team Trivia: 7; Perdido Sports Bar; Perdido Key.

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• Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

BAMA Breakfast Club meets on Thursday during season

The BAMA Breakfast Club invites all Bama fans to attend its breakfast meetings each Thursday morning at 8 a.m. at BuzzCatz in Orange Beach. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new BAMA fans. Email BamaBreakfastClub@yahoo.com for info.

Gulf Shores hires Fosnaugh to direct growth of airport

Gulf Shores has hired Jesse Fosnaugh, who brings more than 18 years of airport management experience and a proven track record of driving growth and development at airports across the country, as the new Gulf Shores International Airport director.

Gulf Shores is currenlty transitioning from a general aviation airport to a commercial airport. Fosnaugh's strengths include knowledge of FAA rules and regulations, and securing key grants and contracts to fuel business growth. He was in charge of building and operating a commercial service airport from the ground up in Missouri.

Fosnaugh enlisted in the Michigan Air National Guard during his senior year of high school. Hre has a degree in Aviation Science and is a licensed private pilot. For more info, visit flyjka.com.





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-WHAT'S HAPPENING-

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK By David "The Pierpounder" Thornton

The near perfect weather and great fishing experienced during the previous fortnight were phenomenal, like it were written up in a Chamber of Commerce manual. Mostly clear skies with cool mornings prevailed, and only a few marginally rough days that dingied the water for a while.



Then, the fish went right back to biting even as the water cleared again. And we did not even have any viable tropical weather threats to concern us. Hopefully this trend will continue, but you just never know what Mother Nature may dole out in the future. Because November is still technically hurricane season, even though they are rare in early November. Just keep a

watchful eye on the western Caribbean Sea through the middle of the month.

It appears more reinforcing cooler air may be just around the corner again, and that should keep fine fall fishing right on track. That means the water temperature in the Gulf should be cooling through the middle 70s, while shallower inland waters will chill even more, and faster.

This drives menhaden schools out of the estuaries toward the open Gulf where they spend the winter. To get there though, they must run the gauntlet of large red drum, jack crevalle, and sharks waiting near the mouth of the bays and other passes. And waiting for the bull reds to appear are countless anglers eager to do battle with them. These redfish, over the 26 inch minimum total length for Alabama, are the brood-stock of the species. Only one over sized red drum per angler per day may be harvested in Alabama.

Fortunately the consensus for most anglers in the know is to let them all go. Because once they do reach adult size, they can live an additional 15 to 30 years, breeding millions of more descendants for each of those years. Additionally, like many older, larger fish, their flesh is coarse and not as good eating as the more tender slot-sized specimens available inshore or from shore. Therefore, this fishery is primarily catch and release for both reasons.

Even though it it a mile walk from the parking lot and there is more than a mile of beach stretching along Mobile Point near Fort Morgan, the area most productive from shore is often the most crowded. Consequently some anglers feel squeezed out of the action just by the sheer volume of lines in the water.

Good beach etiquette calls for groups of anglers to have the proper tackle and to share tackle between members of their party. Everyone dreams of having a huge and productive beach to themselves, but that is often not the case with the growth and popularity of surf fishing when huge set rigs are placed maybe only ten feet apart. It helps the situation a lot when newcomers are correctly equipped with bait, weight, and tackle so they fit in and not cause issues on the crowded point especially at night.

Use red (non-blinding) lights, have enough weight so your rig doesn't drift down on other anglers when the tide strength is multiplied by winds pushing it. If in doubt at all, consult the nearest bait & tackle shop, or better yet, talk to the veteran anglers on the beach. Locals fishing a spot year round are going to know more about that spot and how to fish it than you can ever dream of. They are a good bunch of folks, glad to share what they have learned and make new friends, but they not particularly eager to feel trampled upon.

An almost opposite, though eerily similar scenario presents itself around the Gulf State Park Pier where small, young-of-the-year spanish mackerel (10" to 12" fork length) have been the most common catch lately. Primarily because that is what the majority of anglers have been fishing for.

Like Florida, Alabama has a creel limit of 15 spanish mackerel per angler per day, but unlike Florida, Alabama has no size limit on this species. Using Bubble rigs or other small lures anglers should be able to catch a limit of mackerel in an hour or two most days.

And that is fine if you like bacon strips as my old friend Eldon Foster from Missouri used to call those small fillets. But issues result when folks start trying to cull a limit of larger fish by throwing back their smallest catches. Almost always these fish are critically injured, so the angler is essentially just live chumming the sharks that gather around the pier. What is the definition of insanity again?

There is nothing wrong with catching your 15 and then trying for something else like redfish, flounder, mangrove snapper, pompano, bluefish, spadefish, the list is almost endless. Or fish for king mackerel or larger spanish with larger live baits or lures that automatically cull out the tiny, yet plentiful micro mackerel. Sure you won't catch as many most days, but the quality of the fight and the fish is so much more rewarding without near as much waste.

What you don't want to do is show up at the pier, or beach, or seawall, or jetty and assume you know it all because of questions answered on Facebook, reading an article, or watching a video. Believe me (after 50+ years) it is a lot more complex than that, and there is no replacement for experience. If not your own, how about tapping someone else who has spent countless hours perfecting the fishing you are trying for the first time. It may not be rocket surgery, but fishing is a science and an art.

Active schools of bull reds have also been feeding in the vicinity of the Gulf State Park Pier of late on the abundant shoals of 3 inch long herring (called LYs). When the reds go into a frenzy near the surface, they will strike just about anything that looks remotely edible, living, dead, or artificial. These are all oversized brutes 30 to 40+ inches in length that average about 20 to 25 pounds.

Most are netted, photographed quickly, then released to grow bigger and grow more redfish or the future. 35 years ago we had closed season on oversized red drum as a result of the blackened redfish cooking craze of the 1980s. Sound conservation regulations and practices have brought them back to a place of prominence for Gulf Coast anglers to once again enjoy.

Flounder is another species that has only recently returned in historical numbers that rival the past. This very popular quality eating fish has experienced this resurgence in numbers at least in part due to the strong conservation ethic of anglers utilizing tag and release to gain valuable data about the species. Recent catches of flounder at Perdido Pass, Little Lagoon, and especially around Mobile Bay have been the most consistent in recent years.

Keep in mind that flounder season is already closed in Florida, will be closed in Alabama as of November 1, and remain closed in both states through November. • 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.
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- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
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- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5
- p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.Beginner's Pickleball: 1-4 p.m.; Church
- of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Pickleball: 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Church of Christ, Gulf Shores.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First
- Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.



FOLEY FOOTBALLERS GO FISHING: Jason Thompson, coach of a Foley (11 and under) youth football team, wanted to reward his undefeated and play-off bound team with a fishing trip to Little Lagoon Pass Park. Using all artificial lures, the team caught flounder, croaker, white trout, and spanish mackerel. Pictured: Austin Thompson, Cayden Autrey, Lennox Purdie, Josiah Castor, Rowan Crawford, JJ Johnson, James Hawk, and Bryson Page.



FISHING FUN: (Counter clockwise from top left) 13 year old Payton Bell from Murfreesboro, Tennessee was spending some quality school break time with his grandparents at their condo in Gulf Shores when he caught this hog of a permit. He was very excited; A homemade gold jig garnered this bull red for Ryan Stroup while casting from the beaches not far from his home in Fort Morgan; Aden Bjornstad got his new Coral Timber 1088 rod and caught his first king mackerel an hour later from the Gulf State Park Pier! Congratulations Aden and well done gaffman Sam Johnston; Wayne Byrum of Orange Beach pulled in these fine eating black drum from the Gulf State Park Pier; Wade Dunn from Arkansas waited 4 years to catch this king from the end of the Gulf State Park Pier; Wade Dunn from Arkansas waited 4 years to catch this king from the end of the Gulf State Park Pier.





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By Ron "Bones" Jones



My wife isn't talking to me because apparently I ruined her birthday.

Not sure how I did that. I didn't even know it was her birthday!

A photographer was invited to dinner with friends and took along a few pictures. The host looked at the photos and commented, "These are great! You must have a good camera." He replied, "That was a really delicious meal! You must have some very good pots."

• It would be wonderful if I could put myself s in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

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My wife says that I spend too much time talking to random people online. What do you guys think?

I saw my son eating chocolate even after I confiscated all his Halloween candy. I asked him where he got that from. He said, "I always have a few Twix up my sleeve."

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An American tourist was visiting a small village in Newfoundland. He approached a local person and asked, "What's the quickest way to Marystown?"

The local, scratched his head, "Are ya walkin' er drivin'?" he asked the stranger. "I'm driving," said the

stranger. "Well, that's the quickest

way."

Shakey went to a psychiatrist.

"Doc," he said, "I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You gotta help me, I'm going crazy!"

"Let me take care of it," said the shrink. "Come to me three times a week, and I'll cure your fears."

"How much do you charge?" "A hundred dollars per visit." "I'll sleep on it," said Shakey. Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist.

"For a hundred bucks a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars."

"Is that so! How?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"

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Interviewer: "Why did you leave your last job?" Candidate: "There was a reloca-

tion." Interviewer: "Ysdou moved?"

Candidate: "No, my company did. They just didn't tell me."

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It's strange to think 75 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has a car and only the rich own horses.

Tom was so excited about his promotion to vice president of the company and kept bragging about it to his wife.

Finally she couldn't take it any longer, and told him, "Listen, it means nothing, they even have a vice president of peas at the grocery store!"

"Really?" he said. Not sure if this was true or not, Tom decided to call the grocery store.

A clerk answers and Tom says, "Can I please talk to the Vice President of peas?"

The clerk replies, "Canned or frozen?"

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A man wanted to be dismissed from jury duty, but none of his excuses worked. So on the day of the trial, he asked to approach the bench. "Your Honor," he said, "I must be excused from this trial because I am prejudiced against the defendant."

"Oh?" the judge asked.

"Yes!" the man replied. "I took one look at the man in the blue suit with those beady eyes and that dishonest face, and I thought, 'He's a crook! He's guilty.' So, your Honor, I couldn't possibly be on this jury!" The judge replied, "Get back in the jury box. You are just the kind of juror we are seeking--a good judge of character. That man is the defendant's lawyer."

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It's a 5 minute walk from my house to the pub.

It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering.

The Judge said to the defendant, "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again?"

"Your Honor," the criminal said, "that's what I tried to tell the police but they wouldn't listen."

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A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway.

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Dad: "Do you want to hear a really good Batman impression?!" Son: "Go on, then." Dad: "No. No. Not the kryptonite."

Son: "Dad, that's Superman!" Dad: "Thanks. I've been practicing a lot."

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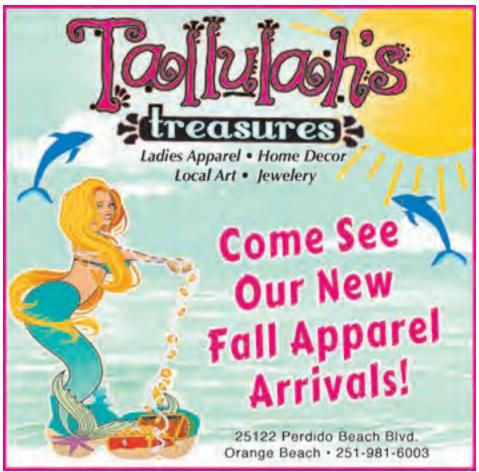
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