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County commission goes after drug companies

Opioid crisis leads to commission voting to file civil complaint

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As an addendum at Tuesday's Baldwin County Commission meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve

filing a civil complaint against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids for their part in the county's opioid problems.

The commission voted to file the complaint and approve Commission Chairman Frank Burt to execute an engagement to represent document with the Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty and Proctor law firm to pursue all civil rem-

edies against those in "the chain of distribution of prescription opiates responsible for the opioid epidemic which is plaguing Baldwin County.

The action could lead to filing a claim for public nuisance to abate the damages.

Baldwin County Commissioner Chris Elliott said this was a move the county has considered for some time.

"This is something that we

are obviously acutely aware of already, but we've seen other counties, areas and municipalities looking at it as well," Elliott said.

Elliott said the focus of the action would be on opioid distributors.

"These people have a responsibility under federal code to pay attention to potential abuses and

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No votes for Donald Duck

County tallies write-in votes from special senate election

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Alabama's recent U.S. Senate election had a record amount of write-in votes, with Baldwin County being no exception to the rule.

Write-in candidate Lee Busby gathered the most write-in votes in Baldwin County, with former Attorney General and appointed Senator Luther Strange receiving 507 votes.

Current U.S. Attorney General Jeff Session received 53 votes, followed by Alabama football coach Nick Saban with 41 votes, State Senator Trip Pittman with 32 votes, Congressman Bradley Byrne with 29 votes, Congressman Mo Brooks with 26 votes and Orange Beach City Councilman Jeff Boyd with 13 votes.

Basketball legend Charles Barkley received 10 votes, Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson got 8 votes, former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice received 6 votes as did Duck Dynasty star Phil Robertson, though he nor Rice meet the state's residency requirements.

Governor Kay Ivey bested former Governor Bob Riley, five votes to four. Former Alabama Attorney General and current federal Judge Bill Pryor got 3 votes.

Fairhope Financial Committee Chairman Chuck Zunk got 3 votes as did Sheriff Hoss Mack, Al-

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Sheriff's Department announces Corrections Center promotions

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office recently promoted several individuals at the BCSO Corrections Center. Congratulations to all of the newly elevated officers.



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Citizen support key to city school decisions

Gulf Shores moved forward while Daphne didn't

By **JANE NICHOLAS**

Over the last couple of decades, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Daphne and Fairhope have considered breaking away from the Baldwin County Public Schools System. The municipalities usually were motivated by perceived dissatisfaction with the allocation of resources by the county system.

The need for tax increases, a lack of support from citizens, logistics and improved communication and response from the Baldwin County system contributed to the demise of these

movements. Then, late last year, Gulf Shores actually committed to forming its own system. Soon after, Daphne backed away from the idea as its City Council voted against paying for the second part of a feasibility study.

Gulf Shores relied in part on a five-page feasibility study from the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, while Daphne paid for a 50-page study from a private consultant. Both studies indicated a city system was financially doable. But Daphne's indicated that higher taxes would be needed while Gulf Shores might be able to get off the ground initially without a tax increase.

Gulf Shores has appointed a school board chaired by Kevin Corcoran. Corcoran has served as chairman of the Baldwin

County Community Advisory Task Force for Education and co-chaired the Island Wide Task Force for Education.

"I think the primary difference between Daphne's introspection and the Gulf Shores initiative is the Gulf Shores initiative was citizen-led. This came from a series of meetings throughout the city and nine months' worth of study. It seems as though Daphne seemed to be led from the top down," Corcoran said.

"If you attended any of these Gulf Shores meetings, they were out into the foyer and the hallway and out into the parking lot. People couldn't even get into the City Council chambers when the presentations were made and these discussions were held."

Corcoran said he attended the public presentation of Daphne's feasibility study and counted about 20 citizens other than public officials and members of the news media in attendance. And when Gulf Shores sought applicants for the five-member unpaid appointed school board, the city got 34 candidates.

As the fastest growing county in Alabama, Baldwin suffers from overcrowded public schools and the county school board struggles with where to build new schools and which areas should get additions first.

But in Daphne, the level of dissatisfaction hasn't been as evident as in Gulf Shores, and although the City Council agreed to pay for a feasibility

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In the Alabama 1st Congressional District, which includes Baldwin County, there were 92 drug-related deaths.

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Baldwin EMC issues capital credit refunds

SUMMERDALE — Baldwin EMC recently announced that it has retired \$3.5 million in capital credits from the years 1991 and 2016. These retired credits were mailed to members beginning December 8.

Capital credits are a unique part of Baldwin EMC's business structure. They represent the members' investment in the cooperative, which

provides an important source of equity for Baldwin EMC. This equity is used to help meet operational expenses and reduce the need to borrow money to run the business, which holds down rates.

Each year, Baldwin EMC's board of trustees evaluates the financial condition of the cooperative. If that condition is favorable, the board may

decide to retire a portion of the member equity, or capital credits, that have been held in reserve from past years. Refund checks are then issued to anyone who was a member in the years designated for retirement.

"Baldwin EMC is a cooperative, owned by its members. That means we don't earn profits," says Chief Executive Officer Karen Moore. "Every

dollar we take in goes into the operations of the business. If we collect more revenue than we need, we have the privilege of refunding that to our members."

Capital credit refund checks are being mailed this month to Baldwin EMC members from the years 1991 and 2016. Anyone who has questions about their refunds can call 251-989-6247.

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they're simply not doing that," Elliott said. "There is also a significant problem that we've seen with doctors in Baldwin County — primary care physicians, pain management specialists, dentists — that are prescribing opioids at a rate that is contrary to the public good."

Elliott said it is the

commission's hope that any funds that could be gained from the legal actions would be used in a two-pronged approach: law enforcement investigations to stop the spread of opioids and helping with treatment of people addicted to the drugs.

"While you may see this litigation focusing on the distributors directly, any funding received from the disposition of this case may be used to look at

what doctors and dentists are doing on that end as well," Elliott said. "Treatment is a reasonable component as well. One thing the sheriff's department is dealing with a lot, especially at the jail, is opioid withdrawal. That increases our costs significantly and degrades their health prior to entering our system, which adds additional costs to the taxpayers."

Elliott said he hopes that

local medical professionals will work harder at trying to curb opioid prescriptions themselves to help manage the crisis.

"It's a very real crisis, and while this focuses on distributors, there's also a lot of responsibility for doctors and dentists to pay attention to what they're doing and make sure they aren't contributing to that addiction crisis we have here in Baldwin County," Elliott said.

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Outdoor Conditions Report: Believe it or not, winter is a great time to go fishing off of Baldwin County's beautiful shores. Some grouper species, snapper, triggerfish, and amberjacks are all still biting and are in season. Although red snapper season is closed here along the upper Gulf Coast, other snapper including vermilion snapper, lane snapper, gray snapper, and white snapper (pogies) are catchable. Venturing further offshore to the many reefs and oil rigs in deep water, you'll find blackfin tuna, yellowfin tuna, tilefish, and snowy grouper. Be sure to consult federal and state fishing regulations before you go out.

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Beach fishing can also be productive this time of year. Redfish, black drum, whiting and pompano are all there for the catching although in smaller numbers. If you're heading out there, keep an eye on the weather, bundle up, have fun and be safe!

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Water Authority announces rate reduction

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ELSANOR — With just six employees, the East Central Baldwin County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority covers a lot of ground.

Initially incorporated as the Rosinton Water and Fire Protection Authority in 1987 in order to qualify for USDA Rural Development funds to build the system under a Federal program established to provide clean drinking water to people in rural areas, ECBC now boasts over 2,000 services, with approximately 300 miles of trunk lines. Its sole purpose is to provide water to its customers and the volunteer fire departments within its service area.

"ECBC's service area reaches as far north as I-65," said Peggy Bankester, who has been with the organization since 1998, "as far south as Elberta and to the Florida line on the east side."

ECBC, which changed to its current name in 2008, was built in three phases, beginning with the construction of the facilities on County Road 87, just off of U.S. 90 in the Eلسانور community.

"A minimum of 1,000 customer sign-ups were required for Phase I in order to qualify for Federal funds" said Ryan Frolik, who has been with the organization since 2009, serving as general manager since 2015.

Phase 2 included a second water tower, well and treatment facility on County Road 64 in the Rosinton community, with Phase 3 adding an additional 1,000 services.

"Both systems operate independently of each other," Frolik said, "but they are connected so that each can serve as

a backup to the other in case of an emergency. We have approximately 2,500 services in the ground, with over 1,700 active customers at the present time."

This public corporation functions as a non-profit water authority and is run by a Board of Directors, with a staff of six employees, including office staff and field/maintenance personnel.

"While the Authority lost some active and potential customers during the economic downturn which started in 2005, it has fully recovered and has operated in the black for the past three years," Frolik said. "We have reduced our operating costs and increased the efficiency of the system during these three years, and we wanted to pass these savings on to our customers."

During this time, both water towers have been completely refurbished and repainted. The Authority has also installed a radio-read metering system which allows field operatives to read meters from the highway.

"What used to take six or seven days can now be done in one day," Bankester said. In addition, ECBC has constructed an equipment barn and replaced its old worn-out equipment with new equipment. "We weathered the down turn in the economy and we want all of our current and potential customers to know that we are doing great and we are here for them."

ECBC is also working with Baldwin EMC to increase efficiency and



JOHN UNDERWOOD / STAFF PHOTO

The East Central Baldwin County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority, located on County Road 87, just off of U.S. 90 in Eلسانور, and County Road 64 in Rosinton, is announcing a reduction in rates for its customers beginning Jan. 1.

reduce operating costs, Frolik said.

"Thanks to the growth and increased efficiency of the system," Frolik said, "the Authority is announcing a reduction in rates beginning Jan. 1 and a 50 percent reduction in renters' utility deposits from \$300 to \$150. Water rates will be lowered with the accessibility fee reduced from \$20.95 to \$19.95 and usage fees reduced from \$29 for the first 2,000 gallons to \$28. All fees include a 4 percent state utility tax."

"It may not seem like much, but it is something we wanted to do to let our customers know how hard we are working for them and to show our appreciation to them for sticking with us," Frolik said.

And more big things are on the horizon for the small utility company, including the installation in the near future of the Buc-ee's Travel Center, to be located at the intersection of Interstate 10 and the Baldwin Beach Express.

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Spanish Fort Fire-Rescue Department

“The mission of the Spanish Fort Fire-Rescue Department shall be to save lives, protect property, provide fire education and prevention to the residents of the Spanish Fort area in a safe, cost-effective and efficient manner.”

So reads the mission statement of the Spanish Fort Fire-Rescue Department and department officials say those aren't just words - it's a mission they try to live up to each and every day.

The Spanish Fort Fire-Rescue Department was established in 1962 and is a mostly volunteer department that provides 24-hour fire protection and rescue services for citizens of Spanish Fort, Bay Branch, Malbis and Plantation Hills.

The department responds to well over 650 calls per year, which include residential



fires, commercial fires, medical emergencies, fire alarms, motor vehicle accidents and forest fires. The department also



responds to hazardous materials accidents as well. The department also works with local businesses to perform pre-incident planning and prevention activities. If so desired,

the department performs a courtesy fire inspection to identify areas of concern for both the business owner and the fire department.

Public education is also a big part of the Spanish Fort Fire-Rescue Department's core values, and its in-house education program reaches over 1,100 children every year.

As a part of that education, the SFFR will host its monthly CPR class on Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1. The cost is \$35. The



SFFR hosts CPR classes the second Saturday of each month.

The department is primarily funded by community donations, as well as county taxes and a contract service agreement with the City of Spanish Fort.

The department has two stations — Station No. 1 at 7580 Spanish Fort Boulevard and Station No. 2 at 10628 U.S.



Highway 31. The SFFR currently has around 13

pieces of equipment and 50 members.

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A look back at 2017

As we head into 2018, I want to take a minute to look back at some of the highlights from a very busy and productive 2017.

2017 marked the start of a new era in Washington, D.C. as President Donald Trump was sworn in. With the House and the Senate both in Republican hands, this led to the rare occurrence of a totally unified federal government.

In January, I was named Chairman of the House Workforce Protections Subcommittee. In this role, I've worked to end policies that benefit Big Labor bosses at the expense of American workers. For example, a bill I wrote repealing a flawed OSHA regulation was signed into law by President Trump.

I introduced the Full Choice for Veterans Act in February. The bill would allow every veteran to receive care from doctors and hospitals in their local communities instead of being forced into the broken VA system. This was just one of many steps in 2017 to help those who have served our country.

In April, the Senate confirmed Judge Neil Gorsuch to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Gorsuch has already proven to be a capable addition and his confirmation was critical to ensuring a conservative majority on the Court.

In May, I voted in favor of the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Obamacare and replaced it with a market-based plan that wasn't run by the federal government. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to pass a health care bill, so the efforts to fix our broken health care system will continue into 2018.

After getting the unwelcome news about a Red Snapper season that would only last three days, I went to work with my Gulf Coast colleagues to make things right. Working with the Depart-

ment of Commerce, we were able to arrange for a 39-day Red Snapper season, the longest season in recent years. This was an important win for our fishermen and coastal communities.

In June, the House unanimously passed a bill to support career and technical education, representing a big bipartisan victory. Improving career and technical education programs is the most important thing Congress can do to help close the skills gap, combat poverty, and put Americans back to work.

Another big victory for 2017 was passage of the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows for an increase in defense funding and authorizes the construction of three more Littoral Combat Ships (LCS). As you know, the LCS are the Navy ships built right here in Mobile.

In August, I hosted Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in Mobile to show off the fantastic education programs in our area. Secretary DeVos was very impressed by our local schools, teachers, and students, and I look forward to working with her in 2018 to continue improving education in America.

Fixing our broken immigration system was also a top focus. For example, the House has passed bills to cut off funding to sanctuary cities, build a wall on the southern border, and increase penalties for individuals who repeatedly enter our country illegally.

Finally, we ended 2017 with a major victory when we passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This bill represents the first major overhaul of our tax code since 1986, and it will result in lower taxes and more money in the pockets of hardworking families in Alabama and around the country.

All told, the House has passed more than 450 bills in 2017. It was a busy and productive year, but there is no doubt that much work lies ahead.



BRADLEY BYRNE
Notes from
your Congressman

Fighting the war on opioid addiction

This week, the Baldwin County Commission took the first step in potential legal action against manufacturers and distributors of opioid prescription drugs for their part in what has become a health crisis across our county, state and nation.

In 2015, 282 people died from opioid doses across the state, a number which has sadly continued to grow according to state officials.

The drug overdose death rate in Alabama has risen exponentially to 15.7 percent per 100,000 population.

By going after the makers and distributors of these potentially deadly drugs in court, we can hopefully help stem the tide of prescription pills that are making their way from our medicine cabinets to the streets and to the hands of those who might abuse them.

But the drug makers aren't the only ones to blame.

According to facts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, doctors and dentists in Alabama prescribe 142.9 opioid pain relievers per 100 people, compared to the national rate of 82.5 per 100 people.

In the past few years, there have been several high profile prosecutions of

local medical practitioners who have doled out excesses of medication to patients, putting profit over patient health.

It's not enough to go after the drug makers and distributors. We have to depend on our doctors and dentists to step up and make certain they aren't prescribing more than what patients actually need.

We're glad to hear the county commission say that any funds received from these legal actions will likely go toward enforcement to make sure more lives aren't needlessly lost to opioids and helping with treatment for those who have fallen victim to addiction.

We applaud the move toward legal action and we hope the county is successful in helping to turn the tide in the war on opioid addiction.

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Paws for Frosty

After hearing countless versions of "Baby It's Cold Outside" during this Christmas season, I couldn't help but think of the poor four-footed friends left out in the cold. As a rule, if you feel chilly, so does your pet. Most dogs and cats cannot tolerate lower than 45 degrees for an extended period. Pets left outside can experience hypothermia, frostbite and even death, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

While Huskies may happily linger in the snow and ice, a Jack Russell may shiver at 50 degrees, Indoor pets miss the signal to grow thick winter hair and may appreciate a warm sweater for that outdoor walk. Short hair and short legs both result in a cold dog. Small breeds with tummies close to the snow can rapidly turn from Toto dogs into Terrier-cicles.

Feral cats may rebuff your offer of garage space, but will still seek out warm places, like your car engine. To prevent a tragedy, a couple of raps on the hood before you open the door should scare the cat into deserting the engine. Leaving your dog in the car on a cold day can be as deadly as a hot day as the cold can get trapped inside, creating a refrigerator effect.

Be sure to clean your cat's or dog's paws and bellies when you come in from playing in the snow. Rock salt can cling to hair and toes. When pets lick these irritants off, they can harm the throat and stomach, sometimes requiring emergency veterinary treatment.

If you are putting on a jacket, your dog or cat needs extra treats and food. Cold weather burns more calories and a little extra bacon or tuna can make life more comfortable for furry family members.

Watch for the signs of hypothermia: if your pet is whining, shivering, appears anxious or weak, slows down or stops moving, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, take action to get them inside and slowly warmed up, advises AMVA. Frostbite may not show up for days, after it is too late to treat. Seek immediate veterinary care.

It is a hard-cold reality that warmer temperatures are around the corner in Alabama. In our state, heat causes more doggie deaths than cold.

Many of the adorable puppies received this Christmas, and from Christmases long ago, will be placed in cars for trips around town with their owners during our warmer months. It is hard to look at surrounding lanes of traffic and not see a dog "driving", in the driver's lap, or hanging out the window in

Alabama. I know because our lab, Sue, loves to ride to the farm in the back of the Suburban, but if we aren't in the car neither is she, unless the rear doors are open.

We know our pets love the adventure and are happy to be along for the ride or ride shotgun, but let's not fool ourselves into thinking they want to go to the mall or grocery store and sit in the car waiting on us! Nope, they'd rather be safe at home taking a nap or doing their thing. I mean, who hasn't had a quick 5-minute trip in the grocery store turn into 20 minutes? All the while that backseat 'bed' can become an oven very quickly with no windows down – or with a window "cracked." Studies show the temperature can rise 30 degrees in only 20 minutes. Heatkills.org reports that "at 70 degrees on a sunny day, after a half hour, the temperature inside a car is 104 degrees. After an hour, it can reach 113 degrees." The joyride is over, and a heat stroke can occur or death.

AMVA reports that hundreds of dogs die every year from heat exhaustion. YouTube videos show how quickly temperatures rise in a car. And, it doesn't just happen in summer — spring is around the corner and our pleasant 70s temperatures can become deadly hot in a parked car.

It is time for Alabama's lawmakers to join 27 other states and pass protections for our fur family members that will protect our pets and those Good Samaritans who would rescue a pet from a hot car. When they return to Montgomery in 2 weeks, for a predicted short legislative session, I urge them to pass Pet-in-Hot Car Bill, HR 524, which did not pass in 2017. That law would provide good Samaritan civil immunity from personal or property injury claims if a window is broken to protect a pet in dangerous conditions. This is one step forward to help Alabama out of the bottom tier of states with much needed animal cruelty laws.

Remember, your dog cannot sweat and he's wearing a fur coat. Paws and think about 'is it really a good idea for Molly or Max' to go on this ride? Call your local legislators and express your support, or leave a comment with your pet's names and your county and I'll be sure to forward it.

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Knitting, sewing, quilting, crocheting and praying

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There is a little something extra in the stitches made by the Comfort Sowers from Jubilee Shores United Methodist Church.

The group's slogan, "Prayers in every stitch to give comfort to those in need" explains everything. This group is bursting at the seams with love and they pour it into each comfort object they create and give to those in need.

"The Jubilee Comfort Sowers are a group who has a desire to make items for those in need of support," said Comfort Sower member Jane Cox.

That is the mission of the Comfort Sowers: providing those who are going through times of hardship with compassion and give them a glimmer of hope through the clouds of despair with meaningful and thoughtful items.

As an example, recently the group created a prayer shawl for a lady whose daughter was in a coma. The daughter recovered, but the story doesn't stop there.

Later, the daughter used the same prayer shawl for her own child who was kept in the hospital after birth. She asked the hospital staff to keep the prayer shawl with the baby.

Eventually the shawl began to unravel, and the family took it as a sign that Jesus was present. Soon after the baby was deemed healthy enough to

Comfort Sowers create:

ADULT BIBS: Bibs given to elderly in care facilities.

BEARS: Bears designed for kids in mind. Given to the Care House (where abused children are brought for evaluation and assistance), Thomas Hospital ER, and United Methodist Children's Home.

COMFORT QUILTS: Quilts that are distributed to those with a serious illness.

FIDGET BLANKETS: Blankets designed with zippers, buttons, snaps, beads, and laces for dementia or Alzheimer patients. Can be customized for the individual. Distributed throughout our community including Mobile.

HATS/SCARVES: Designed for cancer patients and are primarily given to the Anchor Cross Foundation.

LAP QUILTS/AFGHANS: Similar to Comfort Quilts, these are primarily given to those in nursing homes, but are also available to anyone undergoing medical treatment or surgery.

PORT PILLOW: Used on seatbelts to make it more comfortable to those who ride in a car with ports (for chemo or other medical reasons).

PRAYER SHAWLS: Designed for anyone who needs a prayer and warm hug. Many are given to nursing homes and hospice patients, but have also been given to children and even babies.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Quilts designed for military veterans. Quilts of Valor have specific requirements, but are still free and available to those who qualify.

WALKER CADDIES: Fabric pouch and pocket systems that attach to walkers. Primarily used in care facilities.

FIND OUT MORE: All items are free and made with love and prayer. Contact JSUMC at 251-928-9133 for more information.

leave the hospital and was allowed to come home on Easter Sunday. Not wanting to 'undo God's work', the shawl was never mended.

This is just one example of what the Comfort Sowers and the objects made by the group have done and will continue to do. The group handcrafts each item, then prays over the items with JSUMC Pastor Marty Hamilton (often with a particular person or group of people in mind) and give the items away for free to provide a physical reminder of the thoughts and prayers that are with the

individual(s) in need.

The items are made at the homes of the Comfort Sowers members and then brought to JSUMC for distribution. Some items have a specific pattern, but most items reflect the creativity and artistry of those making them. All items are free of charge to anyone who asks. Anyone looking for an item can contact the JSUMC office or stop by in person.

Pastor Hamilton has been extremely helpful in delivering items while making calls on those in need.

"We [Comfort Sowers] also have taken items

directly to hospitals, nursing homes, and the Care House," Cox said.

Cox said members of the church frequently tell the group about a relative, friend, or neighbor who could benefit from a comfort item. In addition to this, the Comfort Sowers work with agencies to distribute many items.

"One of the most effective means of distribution we have found is through a partnership with agencies such as Comfort Care Hospice," Cox said.

The group, who initially started as a prayer shawl ministry over two years ago by Ruth Phinney



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Recipients of a prayer shawl.

and a couple of others of JSUMC, meets monthly to share ideas and show one another the creations they have made. The group also takes time to carefully pray over the items and for those who will be receiving them. In July, the group had already distributed more than 600 items.

"Our goal is 1,000 by the end of the year," Cox said.

Though several members of JSUMC are members of the Comfort Sowers, anyone who is interested in the group's cause are welcome to

help. So, if you have a talent for knitting, sewing, crocheting, or quilting or if you would like to donate your time or materials for such a noble cause, the Comfort Sowers are looking for you!

"We welcome donations and would love to have more volunteers to help make and/or distribute items," Cox said. "You don't have to be a member or attend the church or even attend the meetings. We welcome all skill levels and have projects that range from beginner to expert."

Gulf Shores Methodist Women's Annual Marketplace Bazaar is Jan. 27

By SANDRA GUY
Gulf Shores United
Methodist Church

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church will sponsor their annual Marketplace Bazaar on Saturday, Jan.

27 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Building B Auditorium, 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center.

The Marketplace Bazaar includes a bake sale, frozen casseroles, a decorator's corner, a silent auction, used book sale, a

boutique, arts and crafts, and much more. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the auditorium and will consist of a local favorite, Lavone Hinesley's chicken sausage gumbo, rice, garlic bread, homemade dessert, and beverage.

Lunch tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance from 9 a.m. - noon Monday through Friday at Thee Coffee Shop located next to the auditorium. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the bazaar.

Proceeds from the Marketplace Bazaar benefit local and foreign mission supported by The United Methodist Women. Some of the local organizations which we support are McKemie Place, Mary's Shelter, The Lighthouse, Upper Room Living

Prayer Center, Christian Service Center, Under His Wings, Youth Outreach, and Kairos.

For more information, visit www.gulfshore-sumc.org or call the church office at 251-968-2411. The public is welcome.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast - The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast group will soon begin its eighth year of service. The next gathering will be held Monday, Jan. 8, at the North Baldwin Fitness Center. All are welcome to attend. The group - made up of local pastors and citizens - typically meets the first Monday of each month at the North Baldwin Fitness Center. The 7:30 a.m. gatherings are a time to pray for the school, community, leaders and any other areas of concern. The

Fitness Center is on North Hand Avenue in Bay Minette.

Taste of St. Peter's - Saturday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come join St. Peter's Episcopal Church for its annual Taste of St. Peter's event! Featuring Southern-inspired dishes from Bayou Cora Farms, The Tin Top Restaurant and St. Peter's own famous Shrimp Bisque. This is an event you don't want to miss! Plates are \$10 each and everyone is welcome! Event located at 6270 Bon

Secour Highway, Bon Secour (the corner of County Roads 10 and 49). For more information call 251-949-6254.

Wonderfully Made, a Faith and Sexuality Education Program for Pre-teens Leader Training - The Fairhope United Methodist Church has a new program to provide Leaders of Children's Ministries leader training to learn the philosophy and guiding principles of the Wonderfully Made program to help preteens during the

difficult time of changes to their bodies, minds, and emotions. Registration is \$140 and deadline for registration is Jan. 17. Presentation will be on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Friday Jan. 26. For more information contact Michelle Graham at 251-928-1148 or michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org.

Women of Destiny Ladies' Retreat - LADIES! Save the date for Thursday, Feb. 1 - Saturday, Feb. 3 for our annual Women of Destiny

Ladies' Retreat at the beautiful Turquoise Place in Orange Beach with special guest, Jeanne Mayo! She has served in youth and pastoral ministry for over four decades. Most of those years she senior pastored alongside her husband, Sam Mayo, until he had a serious stroke and was diagnosed with dementia. Jeanne found great honor to be his devoted caregiver until he went to be with his King in August, 2017. They have raised two adult sons who are in full time ministry and enjoy

two grandsons, who are the light of their life. Jeanne is on staff at Victory World Church and finds joy in raising up and mentoring pastors around the world. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot! REGISTRATION <https://www.destinyworshipcenter.com/upcoming-events/wod-retreat-2018> The retreat is for ladies 18+, fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. *\$100 registration, plus a bed fee ranging from \$100 (twin) to \$400 (king suite).

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

Snowbird Calendar

You thought you were here to relax, but Gulf Shores and Orange Beach keeps their snowbirds pretty busy. Check out this calendar of events crafted exclusively for our winter visitors.

Bellingrath Home and Garden Snowbird Special

Save on Gardens-and-Home tickets in January and February with our Snowbird Special. The discount allows you to tour the Gardens and the Home at a reduced price! Snowbird Special Gardens and Home ticket prices:

Adult Gardens and Home ticket: \$16.50 (Regular price: \$21.00)

Child Gardens and Home ticket (ages 5-12): \$11.50 (Regular price: \$13.00)
Children ages 4 and younger: Free.

Fort Morgan Guided Tours

Every Tuesday in January a historian at Fort Morgan will guide visitors on an hour long tour of the Fort and speak about a different topic. Week 1: Fort Bowyer, week 2: Early Civil War, week 3: battle of Mobile Bay, week 4: siege of Fort Morgan; week 5: all eras of the fort's history
For more information visit www.fort-morgan.org or call 251-540-7127

The Gulf Shores Men's Snowbird Coffee Club

» Gilbey's Restaurant, 25775 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach
» Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

This is the oldest continually active snowbird club with more than 280 members from 26 states and three Canadian provinces. Besides raising money for local charities, the club holds golf outings, sponsors casino trips and conducts breakfast meetings for members and spouses and throws horseshoes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores.

Foley Snowbird Welcome Coffee

» Jan. 9
» Foley Civic Center, 407 East Laurel Ave.
The City of Foley and the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce will host a Snowbird Welcome



ALLISON MARLOW / STAFF PHOTO

Smithsonian exhibit at 5 Rivers ends this weekend

By **ALLISON MARLOW**
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Saturday is your last chance to visit the Water/Ways traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street Program.

5 Rivers, in cooperation with the Alabama humanities Foundation, was chosen as just one of six venues in Alabama to host the program. The Smithsonian's traveling

programs are intended to bring the museum's storied exhibits to communities that are unlikely to make the journey to Washington D.C. where the permanent collection is housed.

The exhibit demonstrates the importance that water has played since the beginning of time in creating, connecting and dividing communities.

Water/Ways not only

brings a national gem to the area, it also focuses on an item coveted by all mankind, everywhere since the beginning of time: water.

On Alabama's Gulf Coast, it's difficult to imagine life without water. In other parts of the world, it is a daily struggle.

"It's the most studied molecule on the planet. It's a substance we are surrounded by, both inside and outside. It's some-

thing we also give so little thought to until it becomes too late," said Shonda Borden, assistant manager at 5 Rivers.

"We are in a lucky part of the world. There are 77,000 miles of water in Alabama and most of it is clean," she said. "Imagine being in Flint, Michigan where you can't turn on the tap or in California where there is no water."

According to the exhibit, 71 percent of the Earth's

surface is covered by water and only 3 percent of it is fresh water which is what humans need to survive. Of that 3 percent only a small portion is easy to reach. The rest is trapped in the atmosphere, glaciers and underground.

The exhibit strives to show how that small amount of fresh water is distributed equally across the globe and used in every facet of life.

Winter Wednesdays begin Jan. 10 at Bellingrath Gardens

Even during the cold season, Bellingrath Gardens is filled with blooms and beauty. Gulf Coast residents and visitors are invited to join us at our Winter Wednesdays series in January and February for sessions on gardening, history and more.

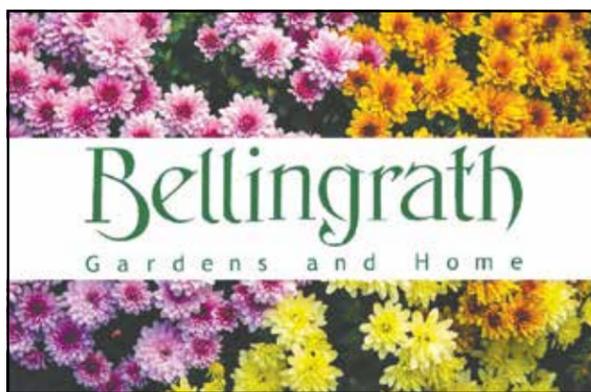
The Winter Wednesdays sessions are held each week in the Magnolia Room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. through Feb. 28. Admission to the program is included in the regular Gardens admission, and guests are encouraged to tour the Gardens after the session. Registration is requested. To register, call 251-459-8864.

Here is the 2018 Winter Wednesdays schedule:

Jan. 10: Winter Garden Walk

Learn about the interesting winter borders and containers throughout the Gardens from Bellingrath's Horticulture Management Team: Executive Director Dr. Bill Barrick, Nursery Manager Chuck Owens and Display Coordinator Barbara Smith.

Jan. 17: "The Underwater Forest,"



with Ben Raines

Environmental reporter and filmmaker Ben Raines will describe the secrets of an ancient underwater cypress forest recently discovered south of Alabama's Gulf Shores in the Gulf of Mexico. The cypress forest dates back to an Ice Age more than 60,000 years ago, when sea levels were 400 feet lower than today. Ben's acclaimed documentary about the forest was released in June 2017.

Jan. 24: Steamboats on Alabama Rivers, with Tom McGehee

Long before there were highways or railroads in Alabama, the rivers provided the only choice to move passengers and freight. The age of steam

travel on those rivers lasted from the 1830s until the early 20th century, when railroads and improved roads made them obsolete. Walter Bellingrath shipped his Coca-Cola cases on many a river steamer in the early 1900s, and his father-in-law was a shipwright – a skilled carpenter who built and repaired the boats. Join Tom McGehee to explore the era of river steamers.

Jan. 31: An in-depth look at the Civil War with authors John Sledge and Frye Gaillard

Well-known local historians and authors John S. Sledge and Frye Gaillard will discuss their books about how the Civil War affected the lives of

Alabamians. After the presentation, John and Frye will sign copies of their books, "These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War" and "Journey to the Wilderness: War, Memory and a Southern Family's Civil War Letters," which will be available to purchase in the Gift Shop.

Feb. 7: Birding on the Gulf Coast

Dr. Mark LaSalle, Director of the Pascagoula River Audubon Center, will tell guests how to identify birds along the Gulf Coast and how they can participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Weather permitting, he will lead a bird walk through the Gardens. The 21st annual Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Friday, Feb. 16, through Monday, Feb. 19.

Feb. 14: Raising Roses

Linda Guy, longtime Rosarian of Bellingrath's award-winning Rose Garden, will show guests how to care for roses year-round and will give a demonstration of rose pruning techniques. Questions are encouraged! Books and

supplies will be available in the Gift Shop.

Feb. 21: Shipshape Urban Farms

Located in downtown Mobile, Shipshape Urban Farms grows hydroponic lettuces, leafy greens and herbs. Learn from owner Dale Speetjens about how hydroponic crops are cultivated without soil in a controlled environment with no pesticides or herbicides. The process uses innovative features and is environmentally friendly, saving water and using less energy than traditional farming practices.

Feb. 28: Caring for Gulf Coast Appalachia

Imagine adding rhododendron, mountain laurel, and native hydrangeas to your Gulf Coast garden. These plants, and many more like them, are native to the Gulf Coastal Plain. Bobby Green, owner of Green Nurseries in Fairhope and one of the most knowledgeable horticulturists in our area, will introduce you to these beautiful ornamentals. He will also discuss how to best select and care for them in your garden.

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores presents Wacky Winter of Fun

Submitted

If you are looking for some fun this winter then look no further than Tacky Jacks in Gulf Shores. The second Annual Wacky Winter of Fun series will feature different events to include regional artists, local organizations, and games each Monday this winter beginning Jan. 8. A monthly schedule of events is online at www.tackyjacks.com.

For more information visit www.tackyjacks.com.

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"HANDS ON HABITAT" WITH GULF STATE PARK: Jan. 29, 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Hands on educational nature series free for all ages. Lunch not included. No RSVP Required

BEACH GAMES, GAME SHOW EDITION: Feb. 5, 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Do you like Game Shows? Play games like Let's Make a Deal, The Price is Right and Trivia. Win prizes, free for all ages!

ART AL FRESCO "MARDI GRAS BEAD MOSAIC OR WREATH": Feb. 12, 10-11:30 am; All ages lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone.

ART AL FRESCO "STRING ART": Feb. 19, 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Wood, nail and string project. All ages lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone. Arrive 15 minutes early.

How to be more creative in the New Year

StatePoint

Those with creative or artistic aspirations know that consistently staying motivated and inspired is easier said than done.

Whether you're a songwriter, a poet or a visual artist, these tried-and-true habits and new tools can help you to create your best work in the new year.

Me Time

A little bit of me-time goes a long way. Carve out some space each week for your own pursuits beyond the time spent working on projects. Learn where and when you do your best thinking, brainstorming and reflection. Is it on a morning walk through the park? Do you need complete silence? Don't be afraid to request some solitude from loved ones.

This may also be a good opportunity to disconnect from your devices for a bit. Leave your phone off or at home so you aren't tempted to distract yourself.

Innovative Tools

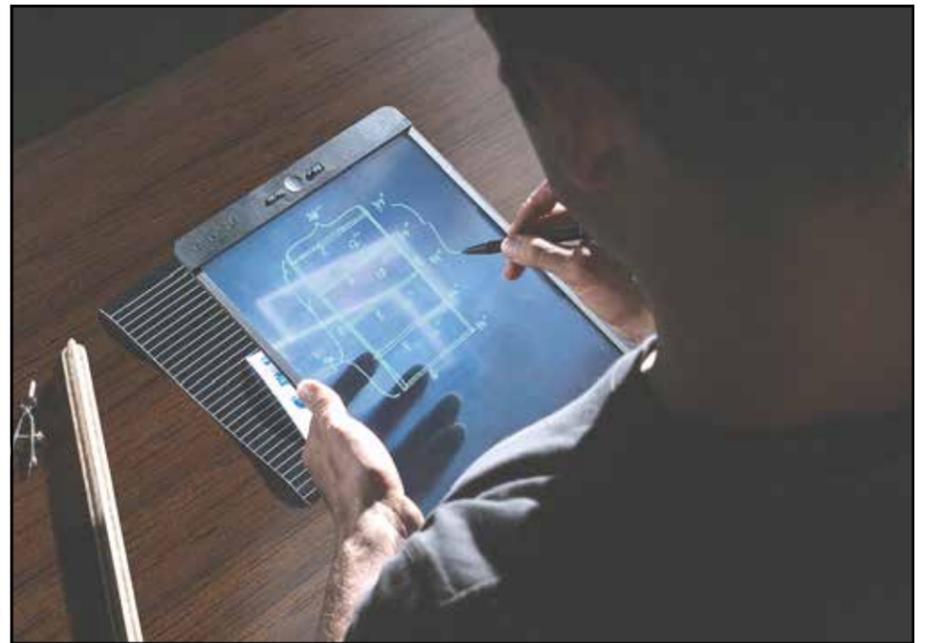
New technology can actually inspire you to be more creative, revolutionizing the way you plan, design and write by hand. For example, many creative people are turning to devices called eWriters, electronic tablets which combine the functionality of notepads, sketchbooks, memo books and more, and which offer unique features you don't get with traditional pen and paper.

For example, Blackboard by Boogie Board is the first ever writing tool featuring Liquid Crystal Paper for a comfortable,

natural inkless pen on paper-like writing (and erasing) experience with no lag or delay. Its transparent writing surface allows users to write on any document, photo, map or digital screen, and several templates are included, such as lines, grids and more, which is ideal for collaborative editing. A free app makes saving, organizing, searching and sharing work, doodles and edits easy. And because it works on a replaceable five-year battery, users don't have to worry about chargers or outlets, making it a convenient tool to use wherever inspiration strikes.

Set up a Work Space

While you should be prepared to create wherever the spirit moves you, having a dedicated workspace



at home is a good idea. Be sure it's comfortable, away from distractions and brightly lit. Make it a space you want to spend time. Add flowers or plants, artwork and other items that inspire you.

Get Inspired

Who do you most admire? You may get inspired by learning more about your greatest artistic heroes. Read their biographies to learn what made them tick and how

they spent their days.

This New Year, resolve to adopt new habits. Innovating the ways that you work can help you to be more creative.

5 rules for a more organized home in the New Year

StatePoint

After the hectic holidays, it's no surprise that many people commit to getting better organized in the new year.

There are plenty of reasons why people obsess over organization and resolve to master it year after year. Household items become easier to find. Rooms all of a sudden seem bigger and more welcoming. Each walk past a tidy linen closet -- where there was once an avalanche waiting to spill forward -- comes with a small sense of accomplishment.

Whether you're after smarter storage or looking to cut clutter, successful resolutions begin with a thoughtful approach.

Think Small

While it's fun to dream about a large-scale routine

reset, smaller sustainable actions are key to lasting change. Take it one room or even one drawer at a time to keep momentum positive and to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Doing so also allows you to focus, leading to more creative solutions for taking advantage of under-utilized areas. For example, you may find using over-the-door organizers a great way to free up space in home offices and craft rooms.

Say "No" to Clutter

Everyone has items they keep around for no real reason that aren't particularly meaningful and don't serve a purpose. Being able to objectively identify these items makes everything easier.

Paring down possessions doesn't have to be painful. That cardinal shaped cookie jar that

you've always been on the fence about? It would make an incredibly thoughtful "just because" gift for an ornithology-obsessed aunt. Often, less can literally be more: Consignment shops and eBay make it easy to turn four or five pieces of furniture you "kind of like" into one piece you absolutely love.

Store Décor Wisely

Everyone loves holiday decorating. Taking down decorations afterward... not so much. It's difficult to preserve items in a haphazard collection of cardboard boxes, plastic bags and mismatched bins, all crammed into the corner of a garage or basement. Stepping up storage containers can make a big difference. For a wide selection of storage solutions specifically designed for holiday décor, check out Improvements, which

offers everything from ornament and gift wrap organizers to wreath and garland storage bags.

Keep a Place for Everything

Nobody likes wasting time gathering or searching. Make storage more convenient and efficient by streamlining. Items frequently used together should be kept together, from coffee supplies to vehicle maintenance tools.

Make a Plan

Create a schedule so nothing is overlooked. Knowing which project is next gives you time to prepare and purchase any storage items you might need. When scheduling, designate specific rooms and spaces for certain seasons. For example, the first warm days of spring are made for cleaning out the shed or garage.



More organizational inspiration can be found by visiting improvementscatalog.com.

Successful resolutions are essentially new habits

that become part of a lifestyle. Deliberately choosing to incorporate small acts of organization on a daily basis will pay off tremendously throughout the year.

Give blood now, help save lives by next month

The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to give more life to patients now and into the new year by giving blood or platelets.

Donations decline during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day when busy holiday schedules cause regular donors to be less available to give and many blood drives may be canceled due to severe winter storms. Last year, nearly 64,000 fewer blood and platelet donations were given through the Red Cross during the seven weeks from Thanksgiving through the first week of January than the average during the rest of the year.

"By taking just about an hour of time today, you can help save someone's life within a few weeks or even days of your donation," said Mario Sedlock, director of donor recruitment of the Red Cross Alabama and Central Gulf Coast

Blood Services Region. "We're asking donors to give now to help ensure blood is available when patients need it most."

Blood is perishable and can only be replenished by volunteer donors. Red blood cells, the most transfused blood product, must be transfused within 42 days. Platelets, the tiny cells that form clots and help stop bleeding, must be transfused within just five days. More than half of all platelet donations go to cancer patients who may need platelet transfusions to prevent life-threatening bleeding during chemotherapy.

"Platelet donors don't have to wait a few weeks to make a difference in a patient's life," said Sedlock. "Someone could donate platelets on Monday, and by Friday, those same platelets can help someone's fight to kick cancer."

Kelly Ellison certainly knows that. Twenty-eight weeks into her

third pregnancy, she was raced to the hospital with uncontrollable bleeding and received a doubly devastating diagnosis. Not only did she have aplastic anemia – a rare blood disorder in which the body's bone marrow does not produce enough new blood cells – doctors also detected kidney cancer. Kelly received 43 units of blood and platelets. Five weeks later, she gave birth prematurely to her son, who also needed blood transfusions to survive.

"Our lives have been forever changed because of lifesaving blood and platelet donations," said Ellison. "Every breath I take is a blessing!"

All blood types are needed this winter. Platelet donations are especially encouraged the first week of the new year, which is among the most difficult to collect enough platelets to meet patient needs. Donation appointments can be

quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a special thank-you for taking the time to donate, those who come to give through Jan. 7 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

How to donate blood or platelets

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law),

Where to Donate

JAN. 5: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lowe's, 29645 Fredrick Blvd., Daphne

JAN. 8: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m., Cobb Theater, 3780 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores

JAN. 11: 12 - 4 p.m., Pen Air Federal Credit Union, 1301 South McKenzie St., Foley

weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or mobile device. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Coffee at the Civic Center. Free coffee and doughnuts and a walk through downtown will highlight the day. Enjoy the Foley Treasure Hunt and win prizes from local merchants. Please call 943-1300 for more information.

Meet Mobile Day

» Jan. 10, 1 - 3 p.m.
 » The Wharf Conference Center, 4671 Wharf Pkwy, Orange Beach
 The Mobile tourism community is once again hosting a special event for all the winter residents of the Gulf Shores/Orange Beach area. Enjoy prizes, entertainment, refreshments

and a great opportunity to meet the good folks from the mobile area who will tell you about all the events planned for the next couple of months.

Receive special updates on events being held at the USS Alabama Battleship, Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, the History Museum of Mobile, city tours and all other Mobile area attractions and cultural activities.

Individual Club Announcements

Indiana

Breakfast meeting Jan. 9 at the Luna Event Center (next to

Cosmos behind Buzcatz Coffee Shop on Canal Road). The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person. No \$50 or \$100 bills, please. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast will be at 8 a.m.

For information contact Becky Chatham-Heidenreich via email at bectom226@gmail.com

Iowa

The "meet and greet" coffee and donuts gathering will be Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the Groovy Goat, 8 - 10 a.m. The cost will be \$6 for an informal coffee time around small tables. Reservations can be made on the website, iowa-Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org (preferred), or by calling Shari DeCook,

641-521-0929 or Sharon Hesselmann, 563-357-2721.

Illinois

Jan. 5, 10 a.m. Welcome Back Coffee at Orange Beach Sr. Activity Center. Call Gail Brueggeman for information at 618-580-4407.

Minnesota

The Minnesota Club meets as a group weekly for breakfast on Tuesdays at GT's on the Bay, 26189 Canal Rd, Orange Beach, Ala. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

New York

NY snowbirds will do lunch at Ginny Lane at the Wharf in Orange Beach on Jan. 11. Gather at 11 a.m. for registration and social

time, commencing lunch around 11:30 a.m. They will order off of a special menu with separate checks. \$1/person will be collected at the door for expenses.

Reservations to Frank and Tracy at 585-748-0432 or email at nysnowbirds@gmail.com, no later than three days before the scheduled luncheon.

North Dakota/South Dakota

The Gulf Shores, Alabama-based North and South Dakota Snowbird Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday morning in January and the second Tuesday February and fourth Monday and second Tuesday in March. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Luna's for breakfast with a short meeting to follow

at 9 a.m. For information contact Joyce at 605-351-0274 or pdinsf@msn.com.

Wisconsin

January meetings are the first and third Wednesdays at the Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Pkwy W. in Orange Beach. The meetings are held with coffee and doughnut social hour prior to the meeting. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. with club updates by all committee heads and the president. Various items are raffled off during the meetings as well. Social committees have info booths with info on such things as golf outings, local as well as distant trips, fundraisers, lunches etc.

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- » Jan. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- » Jan. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m.
- » South Baldwin Community Theatre
- » 2022 West 2nd St., Gulf Shores

More so than any composer and lyricist who have written for the stage, the songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein have become an integral part of our everyday lives. We sing them in the shower, we dance to them in ballrooms, we hear them on the radio and in clubs and, yes, in elevators and supermarkets too. We still thrill to them on the live stage in their respective shows, and we teach them to our children. This stunning collection of compositions features an ensemble cast from ages 7 to 70! The songs are sung as personal interplay, and then ‘onstage.’ While offering the performers an opportunity to explore the songs within their own styles and sensibilities, it offers the audience a glorious parade of genuine hits. Proving once again that music is timeless, classic and has a place in every heart. Visit www.sbct.biz for more information.

Friday, Jan. 5

The Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibit!

5 Rivers Delta Resource Center has been selected by the Alabama Humanities Foundation to host the Water/Ways exhibit, which examines water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element. Winners of the 5 Rivers Water/Ways art contest will be displayed along with the exhibit as well. 5 Rivers is located at 30945 5 Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort.

Live Music – The Bone Chimes

- » 6:30 p.m.
- » Big Beach Brewing
- » After bouncing between bands on multiple instruments and playing solo for a few years in New York City Tobi D’Amore founded The Bone Chimes in the summer of 2010. Since then D’Amore and TBC have played at some of New York City’s most iconic venues including: Irving Plaza, Gramercy Theatre, Music Hall of Williamsburg, Rough Trade, Mercury Lounge, the Bowery Electric, Planos, and Ar-

lene’s Grocery. In 2015 Tobi hit the road solo for the first time on the High Line Tour logging 10,000 miles throughout the U.S. Dancing between classic covers shined with a new cloth, originals based on intricate acoustic guitar rhythms, and whiskey screams is where Tobi’s solo show lives.

Live Music – Gypsy Pearl

- » 8 p.m.
- » Plow, 96 Plantation Pointe, Fairhope
- » A tribute to Stevie Nicks and Janis Joplin

Live music – Brittany Grimes

- » 7 p.m.
- » Mancie’s Antique Club, Daphne
- » Brittany Grimes, is a small town girl from Alabama, with a big-heart for country music, writing, and singing. She has been singing since the age of 3 on the stage of the known Florida-Bama in Perdido Key Florida. Brittany’s writing career began at a very young age, and became serious 2 years ago, when she realized that writing came very natural for her. Brittany expresses her true self in the songs that she sings and writes. Along Brittany’s journey, she has met amazing songwriters, who are also a few of her influences, such as Dean Dillon, Hank Cochran, Rhonda Hart, Bo Roberts, Larry Butler, Red Lane, and Scott Emerick just to name a few. She now finds herself in Nashville, where she has been privileged to meet and work with many talented songwriters and artists, and looks forward to what opportunities await her in the future!

Live music – Red Clay Strays

- » 8 p.m. – midnight
- » Cocktails & Dreams, Foley
- » Back by popular demand. No cover charge.

Karaoke Night

- » 6 p.m. – midnight
- » Live Bait, 24281 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach

Saturday, Jan. 6

Alabama Gulf Coast Farmers Market

- » 8 a.m. - noon
- » The Alabama Gulf Coast Farmers Market at the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion on East Beach Boulevard

History of Magic Club

- » 9 a.m. – noon
- » Fairhope Public Library activity room
- » No food or drinks are allowed and all children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you are looking for more card playing opportunities, Professor Erza abu Boog is still hosting Magic the Gathering at the Spanish Fort Public Library,



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Set sail with the sunset on the Perdido Queen Dinner Cruise Jan. 6.

but has cut back to every other Tuesday night. The dates for this month are Jan. 2, 16, and 30, from 4 – 7 p.m.

As always, we encourage you to come even if you don’t know how to play Magic the Gathering. We have teachers and practice decks to learn on and we love meeting new friends. Campers are always encouraged to bring friends and family who want to learn the game!

Perdido Queen Dinner Cruise

- » 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- » Hudson Marina

Set sail with the sunset on the Perdido Queen Dinner Cruise! Take in the beautiful sights of Perdido Bay from the climate controlled dining room while enjoying a meal prepared by Chef Jonathan Kastner. Take in the fresh air while viewing the sunset on our observation deck with live music. We have a full cash bar for your beverage choices. For tickets visit fareharbor.com

Live Music – Sugarcane Jane

- » 2 – 6 p.m.
- » Flora-Bama Lounge
- » 17401 Perdido Key Drive, Pensacola

Sugarcane Jane, the Alabama Gulf Coast-based husband and wife duo has amassed an extremely loyal following. Anthony and Savana Lee Crawford purvey what they proudly call “Organic Music at its Finest.” Rich, homegrown, and natural, their brand of Americana draws from a deep well of roots influences, interwoven with inflections of gospel, country, jazz, and rock.

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Listeners can expect mostly acoustic sounds, and some of the freshest-sounding vocal harmonies they will ever hear. Both virtuosos in their own right, Anthony is a songwriter who plays acoustic guitar, fiddle, and a bass drum (which he plays while strumming his six-string) and Savana Lee deftly dances between rhythm guitar and snare drum.

Multi-instrumentalist Anthony Crawford is known in most circles as a sideman to the stars. Over the course of the last 25 years, he has performed with Neil Young, Sonny James, Steve Winwood, Dwight Yoakam, Vince Gill, Rosanne Cash, and Rodney Crowell, and has written / co-written songs recorded by Steve Winwood, Dwight Yoakam, Kenny Rogers, Pegi Young, Lee Greenwood, and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, to name a few. Yet, even with his history of working with heavyweights, Crawford feels Sugarcane Jane – his musical venture with multi-instrumentalist wife Savana Lee Crawford, is his life’s calling.

Sugarcane Jane newest studio album, Ladders and Edges – an album they conceived with the legendary Colin Linden, Canadian musician, songwriter

and record producer, musical director of Nashville, and member of the group Blackie and the Rodeo Kings. The album is being released via Crawford’s Admiral Bean Records on May 26, 2017. Recorded at Anthony Crawford’s own Admiral Bean Studio, in Loxley, Alabama, this cave man groove, thought provoking album delves into present times with positive messages and insight.

“This album has been a long time coming. These are all our own songs and really give more insight as to who we are and what we believe in. Family is everything to us and we are trying to give our kids some guidance and advice in a song, without having to necessarily tell them everything,” says Anthony. “These songs go deeper than some of our previous albums. We really just laid our hearts out on our sleeves.”

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Eggs N’ Issues with Baldwin Co. Economic Development Alliance

- » 7:30 – 9 a.m.

» Daphne United Methodist Church, 2401 Main St., Daphne

During the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce January Eggs N’ Issues, we’ll hear from Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance President Lee Lawson.

Baldwin County is tied for the eighth fastest growing Metropolitan Statistical Area in the nation according to the US Census Bureau & the fastest growing county in Alabama by total population growth. Join us to hear what this growth means for industries and economic de-

velopment here on the Eastern Shore.

Pasta with the Police

- » Noon – 1 p.m.
- » GTs on the Bay, 26189 Canal Road

Join Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department for “Pasta with the Police.” Food and beverages will be provided courtesy of GTs on the Bay. Contact- Officer Joey Brown at 251-923-5805, jbrown@obpd.org

Thursday, Jan. 11

Live Music - Hippy Jim at Tacky Jack’s

- » 5 p.m.
- » Tacky Jack’s, 27206 Safe Harbor Dr., Orange Beach

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Run the Beach and explore coastal Alabama in 2018

Half-marathon series begins with Big Beach Half-Marathon Jan. 28

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GULF SHORES AND ORANGE BEACH — Vacationers looking to incorporate fitness into their travels in the new year should consider Run the Beach – Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission’s half-marathon series designed to encourage travel outside of summer. The 2018 three-race series includes the Big Beach



Half-Marathon Jan. 28, Sea Turtle Half-Marathon Feb. 17 and Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon Nov. 24. In 2017, the combined races produced 1,319 room nights for the coastal cities.

“Travelers crave experiences and are increasingly incorporating fitness into their vacations,” Beth Gendler, vice president of the Sports Commission. “Run the

Beach participants are encouraged to stay and play on and off the beach to discover all coastal Alabama has to offer.”

Participants who register for all three races by Jan. 21, will receive a \$30 discount and other special offers. Completing the series, runners will earn a medal and shell jacket.

Find out more and register for Run the Beach at GulfShores.com/Sports/RunTheBeach. For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama’s Gulf Coast, visit GulfShores.com/Sports, or call 1-800-745-SAND.

About Gulf Shores &

Orange Beach Sports Commission:

Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission is a partnership between Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism (GSOBT), the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber and the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. In 2007, this commission became a department within GSOBT. In this role, the commission — along with assistance from both cities — works to bring quality sporting events to Alabama’s Gulf Coast. To learn more about a whole different state of play, please visit GulfShores.com/Sports.



GULF SHORES AND ORANGE BEACH TOURISM

The 2018 Run the Beach half-marathon series in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama features the Big Beach Half-Marathon Jan. 28, Sea Turtle Half-Marathon Feb. 17 and Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon Nov. 24.

Tigers take third at Tate Tumble

Baldwin County will also host the Alabama Region I Duals on Jan. 6

By TINA COVINGTON

CANTONMENT, Fla., — Baldwin County High School Tigers Wrestling Team placed third at the Tate Aggies Invitational

Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 30. This is the Tigers first time placing in the top teams at this tournament.

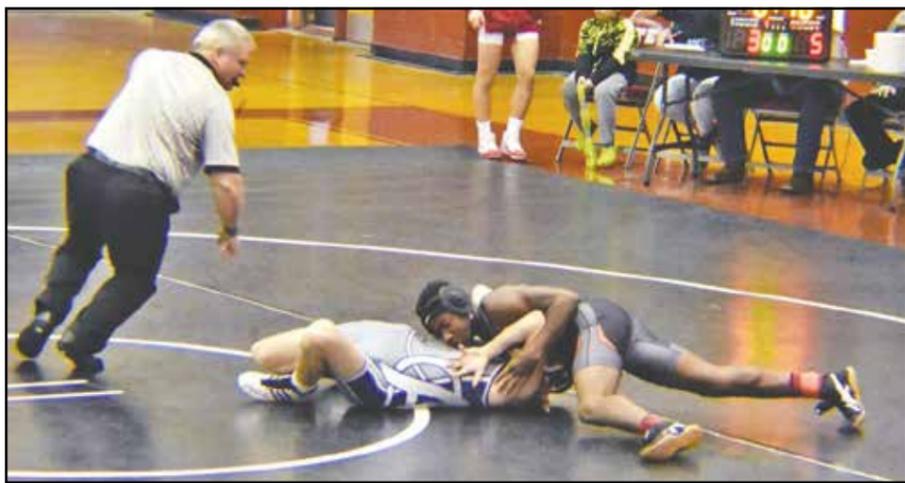
In addition to the team placement, two team mem-

bers earned first place medals and five others earned Top 10 medals.

Sixteen teams from Alabama and Florida competed for team and individual top spots. Placing ahead of the Tigers were teams from Dora and Fulntondale.

Individual wrestlers who medaled at the tournament included: Michael McKinley, first place (126 Division); Braiden Williams, first place (182 Division); Caleb Goddard, second place (220 Division); Kole Carlton, third place (195 Division); Tabarro Reed, fourth place (145 Division); Austin Kirby, fourth place (285 Division); and Jamarius Carter, sixth place (138 Division).

The team will face Gulf

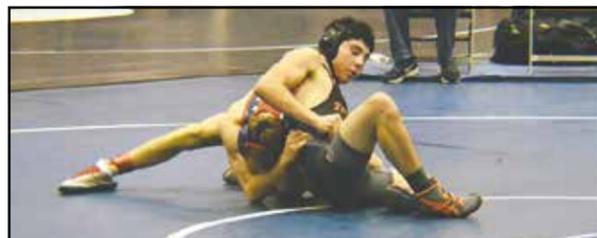


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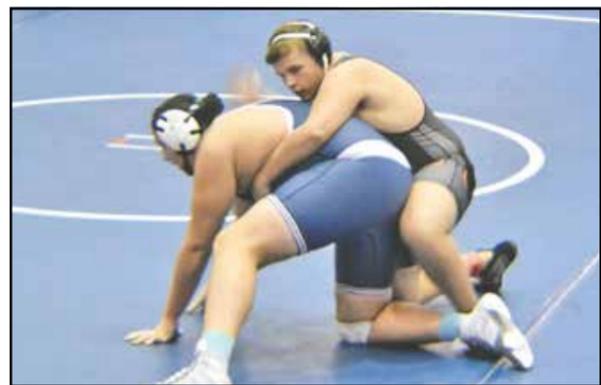
Jamarius Carter at the Tate Aggies' Invitational.

Shores at BCHS at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4.

The Tigers will also host the Alabama Region I Duals on Jan. 6, which will determine which teams will proceed to AHSSA State preliminaries to vie for State Team Championships.



Michael McKinley at the Tate Aggies' Invitational.



Austin Kirby at the Tate Aggies' Invitational.



Night Golf planned at Holly Hills

BAY MINETTE RECREATION

Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course will sponsor “Night Golf” on Jan. 19 so come on out and join the fun. Night Golf begins at dark and golfers will play 9 holes from the 150-marker.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. There will also be a Happy Hour during the event.

Holly Hills is on U.S. 31 just south of Bay Minette.

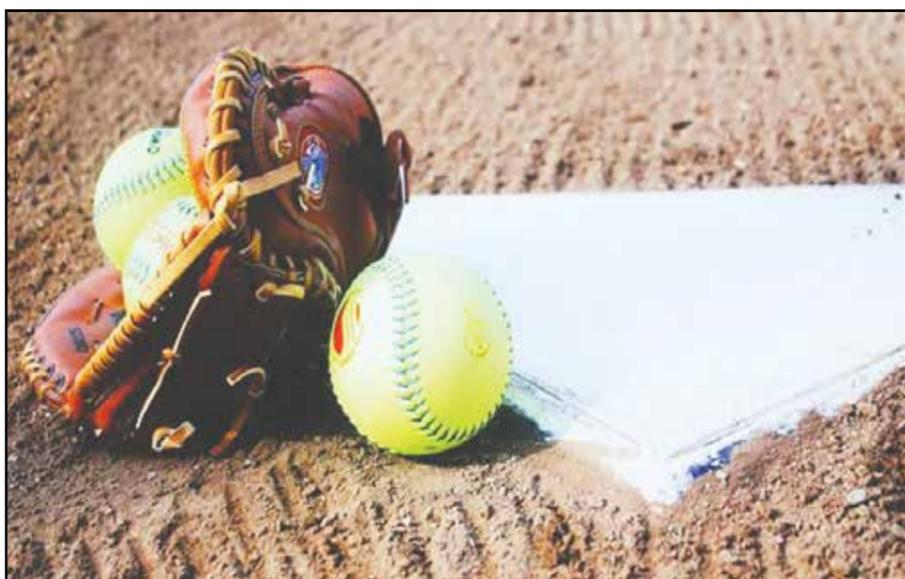
For more details, call the Clubhouse at 580-2553.

Bay Minette Youth Baseball, Softball registration set

BAY MINETTE RECREATION

BAY MINETTE — Registration for Bay Minette Youth Softball will be open Jan. 8-Feb. 16 at the Bay Minette Recreation Department. The league is open to ages 3- to 15-years. Registration is \$65 and parents should bring a copy of the player’s birth certificate. There is a discount available for multiple players from the same family. Opening day will be held April 7. For more information call the Rec Department at 580-2546.

Online registration is now open for the Bay Minette Youth Baseball League. The deadline to register is Feb. 17 and the team draft will be held



Feb. 18. BMYB is offering a free clinic on Jan. 8, 9 and 11. The clinic, open to all kids ages 4-12, will

take place 6 to 7:30 p.m. each night at Halliday Park. Online registration is available at www.bayminetteyball.org.

The cost is \$85 and \$50 for additional players from the same family.

Bulldogs and Tide tangle for national title

For the first time in seven years, the SEC will have two teams playing in the National Championship. The No. 4 Alabama Crimson Tide (12-1) and the SEC-Champs in the No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs (13-1) will be playing in the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship after their respective playoff semi-final wins.

Alabama got revenge from last year's loss in the National Championship to



MICHAEL HANICH
Sports Analysis

the Clemson Tigers 24-6 in the Sugar Bowl. Georgia defeated Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Baker Mayfield and the No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners 54-48 in double overtime in the Rose Bowl.

This is the first time a conference has had two teams play in the national championship since the 2012 BCS Championship where Alabama defeated then SEC Champs, the LSU Tigers 21-0.

Both the Tide and the

Bulldogs relied on their run-dominated offenses and their sharp defense to stop the dual-threat quarterbacks of Clemson and Oklahoma. Alabama held the Clemson Tigers offense to 188 total yards and accounted for two interceptions from Tigers Kelly Bryant. Georgia had a tough time stopping the talented Sooners offense. The game seemed one sided when Oklahoma was up 34-17 at halftime. Georgia scored 28 points in the second half and Oklahoma forced overtime (the first in Rose Bowl history).

Alabama and Georgia

are two of the top-ranked teams in terms of running the ball. Alabama is ranked 10th in rushing yards per game (255.8) due to their tandem of Damien Harris and Bo Scarbrough. Harris is speedy and elusive while Scarbrough is a big power back with breakout speed. The Tide also has a dual-threat quarterback in Jalen Hurts, who has rushed for 808 yards (13th in the SEC, second as a QB).

Georgia has arguably one of the best running-back groups in the nation with two speedy and experienced backs in Nick

Chubb and Sony Michel. Chubb has accounted for 1,320 yards on 205 carries (averages 6.44 yards per carry) and 15 rushing touchdowns. Sony Michel has 1,129 yards on 142 carries (7.95 yards per carry) and 16 rushing touchdowns.

This National Championship game will come down to which team's defense will be more efficient in stopping the other team's explosive run game. Georgia, led by All-American Roquan Smith, is ranked 12th in rushing yards allowed per game (112.6). Alabama's defense,

led by All-American and Chuck Bednarik Award winner Minkah Fitzpatrick, is ranked third in run defense (94.1 yards allowed per game). The Tide's defense is ranked first in scoring (11.5 points allowed per game) and Georgia's defense is ranked fourth (13.2 points allowed per game).

The offensive strategy of continuing drives for either team is passing the ball efficiently. Georgia's Jake Fromm has the better arm but Hurts can easily escape pressure and create yards with his feet.

AHSAA approves classification for 2018-19, 2019-20

AHSAA.com

MONTGOMERY — The Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control unanimously approved Nov. 30 a seven-classification system for championship play for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years. For the first time for classification, non-traditional students were included in the average daily membership figures reported for member public schools by the Alabama State Department of Education and a competitive balance factor was approved for AHSAA member private schools based on the recommendation of the AHSAA Classification Task Force.

The action came during the Central Board's quarterly meeting at the AHSAA Office.

Non-traditional students, which gained eligibility for the first time in the 2016-17 school year, include home-school and virtual school students that enroll in at member public school.

In accordance with the AHSAA constitution and by-laws, the AHSAA Central Board of Control manages championship play and classification.

Member schools are reclassified every two years. The high schools are currently divided into seven classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A and 7A) for competition in championship programs.

Classification is based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) figures furnished by the State Department of Education for public schools for the upper three grades plus ninth-grade students that are retained in the ninth grade. Member private schools report that same data directly to the AHSAA. An index of 1.35 is used to determine the enrollment figure for classifying each private school member. Each private school student counts 1.35 for classification purposes.

Alignments are made for each sport in a classification based on the number of schools participating in a sport. Some programs may include two or more classes in a division. The alignments for each sport in a class are published in the AHSAA Sports Book each year.

The AHSAA Classification Task Force, made up of superintendents, principals, athletic directors, administrators and coaches

from across the state and chaired by Madison County Schools Superintendent Mark Massey and Montgomery Academy Athletic Director Anthony McCall, addressed many issues concerning the membership balance between schools in the respective classes.

The committee unanimously recommended adding a competitive balance factor to private schools by sport. While private schools are classified based on the membership data and 1.35 multiplier, those affected by the competitive balance factor will move up one class or division from where they are this school year for the respective sport but will remain in their respective classification for all other sports.

Reclassification, according to the AHSAA Constitution and By-Laws, is conducted every two years by the AHSAA Central Board of Control.

"I want to thank the Classification Task Force, Central Board and AHSAA staff for the hard work they put in and the recommendations they made," AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese

said. "It was a difficult job, but everyone worked together to find the best solution as we move forward."

Central Board president John Hardin said he also wanted to thank the Classification Task Force and member schools for their input and patience throughout the reclassification process. "On behalf of the Central Board of Control and our member schools, I want to thank Mr. Savarese and his staff for their hard work. I also want to thank our Central Board for their commitment and dedication to providing a first-class athletic program to all our student-athletes, and for making decisions that are best for all of our member schools."

This is the earliest classification has been completed for all sports in AHSAA history and couldn't have been accomplished without the tireless passion, dedication and commitment of the AHSAA staff, which is evident by the quality product they produced, said Savarese.

Reclassification of AHSAA member schools is done every two years in

accordance with the constitution and by-laws in an effort to provide fair play among member schools. The constitution states in Article 7, Item 4 (l): The Central Board shall have the power to classify member schools into two or more divisions for the purpose of athletic competition. No school's classification shall be changed during the classification period after the schools have been classified.

The reclassification alignment data for each sport and the private school competitive balance chart can be found at the link below. Reclassification by enrollment data is located on the home page of AHSAA website.

For more news about the 2018-20 Classification visit: AHSAA.com. The Full link is: <<http://www.ahsaa.com/Home/2018-20-Classification-and-Alignments>>

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By JOHN UNDERWOOD
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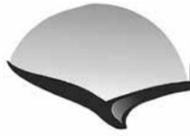
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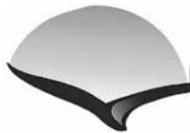
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KNUE, and</p> <p>That certain real property described as: parcel # 0562020300010220000000; alternatively described as 206' X 650' Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 5 East that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 3-T8S-R5E as recorded in Deed Book 469, Page 496, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama; alternately described as 260' X 650' SEC 3-T8S-R5E THAT PART OF NW1/4 OF SW1/4 WHICH LIES WEST OF HAMMOCK CREEK RP592 PG 1606; and any persons claiming any possible interest in the Land, Defendants.</p>	<p>NOTICE OF SUMMONS Civil Action No. 05-CV-2017-900679 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.</p> <p>White-Spinner & Associates, Inc., as Agent for Jubilee Pointe, LLC vs. Daphne Fitness, LLC, and John C. Laprade, individually.</p> <p>TO: DAPHNE FITNESS, LLC and JOHN C. LAPRADE.</p> <p>You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of Shapiro and Ingle, LLP at the address indicated below. Shapiro and Ingle, LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.</p> <p>Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.</p>	<p>notice. Failing to answer or plead in response will result in a default being entered against you for the damages or relief sought against you. This case is assigned to Judge Jody W. Bishop.</p> <p>This the 6th day of December, 2017.</p> <p>Jody Wise Campbell Circuit Court Clerk December 22-29, 2017; January 5-12, 2018</p> <p>NOTICE TO PUBLIC REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES</p> <p>The Town of Elberta is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals interested in providing professional services related to the preparation and implementation of a Land and Water Conservation Grant. The purpose of this project is to apply for \$350,000 in funding to construct soccer fields, parking lot and sidewalks at Elberta Sports Facility which requires the following services:</p> <p>ENGINEERING SERVICES: These tasks shall include, but not be limited to, assistance with preparation of a grant application to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), and then, if the grant is awarded by ADECA, the level and scope of services to be provided by the consultant will be determined by the Town. A lump sum, fixed price fee will be required. Engineering services for all stages of design, bidding and construction of the project are required. Examples of services which firm must be prepared and qualified to provide shall include but not be limited to the following: The preparation of all necessary construction plans and specifications, the preparation of all bid documents and supervision of the bidding process that is consistent with Local, State and Federal regulations, the provision of on-site resident inspection services during the construction process in addition to regular progress reports to the Town. At the completion of construction the project engineer shall conduct a final construction inspection and issue a final certificate of completion. As-built drawings shall be delivered to the Town. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of the LWCF program- 20 points 2. Resources and availability- 20 points 3. Experience of proposed personnel- 20 points 4. Understanding and familiarity with the needs and environment of the community- 20 points 5. Previous experience in working with locality- 20 points <p>Total possible points to be achieved: 100</p> <p>These proposals are being requested in accordance with Circular A-102, Attachment O, issued by the Office of Management and Budget, and the "modified" Common Rule as adopted by the State of Alabama. A contract will be awarded to the qualified applicant whose proposal is determined to be the most appropriate. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposal process.</p>
<p>RYBO, LLC Lienholder</p> <p>TAYLOR & TAYLOR, L.L.C. Attorney for RYBO, LLC 18350 Michigan Street Robertsdale, AL 36567 December 22-29, 2017; January 5, 2018</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE OF COMPLETION In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Sun Coast Builders, Inc., 11122 County Rd 65, Foley, AL 36535 Contractor, has completed the Contract for the Baldwin County Sheriff Office's 60x125 Metal Storage Building for the County of Baldwin, Owner(s) and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named contractor - Sun Coast Builders, Inc. December 29, 2017; January 5-12-19, 2018</p>	<p>LIS PENDENS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama that on the 6TH day of November, 2017, a Bill to Quiet Title In Personam and In Rem, was filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, against the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, viz:</p> <p>That certain lot of land described as follows, to-wit: 206' X 650' Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 5 East that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 3-T8S-R5E as recorded in Deed Book 469, Page 496, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama.</p> <p>Also described as: parcel # 0562020300010220000000.</p> <p>Also described as: 260' X 650' SEC 3-T8S-R5E THAT PART OF NW1/4 OF SW1/4 WHICH LIES WEST OF HAMMOCK CREEK RP592 PG 1606</p>	<p>NOEL J. NELSON Attorney at Law P. O. Box 2573 Mobile, AL, 36652 (251) 433-7272 Attorney for the Plaintiff December 15-22-29, 2017; January 5, 2018</p> <p>MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on July 29, 2005 by Chester Leroy Stephens and Kathy Renee Stephens, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairmont Funding LTD, and recorded in Instrument # at 912514 on August 4, 2005, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred or assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as reflected by instrument recorded in Instrument #, 1527358 of the same Office. Shapiro and Ingle, L.L.P., as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on January 25, 2018, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder in front of the main entrance of the Baldwin County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Bay Minette, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to wit: Condominium Unit 324, GRAND CARIBBEAN, a condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, recorded at Instrument 740686, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of BALDWIN County, Alabama, TOGETHER WITH the undivided interest in and to the common elements, to be an appurtenance to the herein described unit.</p>	<p>Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and its successors and assigns Mortgagee or Transferee</p> <p>SHAPIRO AND INGLE, LLP 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 704-333-8107/ 17-014687 Attorneys for Mortgagee or Transferee December 29, 2017; January 5-12, 2018</p> <p>In the Juvenile Court of Baldwin County, Alabama In the Matter of C.W.V., Jr., A Minor Child Case No. 05-JU-2017-000779.01 Notice of Custody Petition</p>	<p>Defendant's Charles Wyndell Vice, Sr., and Ashley Renee Williams, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Petitioner, Darlene Vice, petition for custody and other relief by 05/05/2018 or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in the above styled case, Case No. JU-2017-000779.01, Juvenile Court of Baldwin County. Done this 13th Day of December, 2017.</p> <p>Jody Wise Campbell Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, AL Juvenile Division 312 Courthouse Sq Stc. 10 Bay Minette, AL 36507 December 29, 2017; January 5-12-19, 2018</p> <p>State of Alabama) County of Baldwin) Notice of Civil Lawsuit</p> <p>To: Edward Sharp</p>
<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE In accordance with the provisions of State Law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at LIFE STORAGE #352 located at 7775 Hwy 59 South, Foley, AL. 36535 251-970-5058. And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 1:00 PM</p> <p>B. Bolton Auctioneer AL LIC #932 Life Storage #352 7775 Highway 59 South Foley, AL. 36535 ANY QUESTIONS CALL 251-970-5058</p> <p>A36 - Charlotte Cannon 203 W Sycamore Ave Foley, AL. 36535 Contents: Hsld Gds/Furn</p> <p>December 29, 2017; January 5, 2018</p>	<p>In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama Case Number 05-CV-201-901134.00 Stephen C. Allen, Plaintiff VS. Michael Dimartino, individually and as father and next best friend of Lanham Cates Dimartino, Defendants. Notice of Summons To: Michael Dimartino Individually and as Father & Next Best Friend of Lanham Cates Dimartino, Defendants 2 Audubon Place Fairhope, AL 36532</p> <p>Lanham Cates Dimartino, Defendant 2 Audubon Place Fairhope, AL 36532</p> <p>You are hereby notice that the above-styled action seeking monies due the Plaintiff in the total amount of four hundred and fifty thousand and no/100 dollars as a result of a motor vehicle accident was filed against you in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court, you are commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Court and to serve upon the Plaintiff's Attorney, David A. Reid, 270 Doug Baker Blvd, Ste. 700-212, Birmingham, AL 35242-2693, an Answer to the Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last publication of the Notice or default judgment will be entered against you on February 16, 2018.</p> <p>This the 17th day of November, 2017. Jody Wise Campbell Circuit Court Clerk Baldwin County, Alabama 312 Courthouse Square Suite 10 Bay Minette, AL 36507 December 22-29, 2017; January 5-12, 2017</p>	<p>If any person, firm, or corporation, or any of the hereinabove named persons or their heirs at law, next of kin, or devisees, if deceased, any unknown parties or parties whose whereabouts are unknown, claim any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said land or any part thereof, they must plead to, answer, or respond to this Bill of Complaint on or before the 2nd day of February, 2018, or suffer a default judgment to be taken.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Jody Wise Campbell, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, have hereunto set my hand and seal of this the 19th day of December, 2017.</p> <p>Jody Wise Campbell Circuit Clerk</p> <p>Return to: PRINCE, McKEAN, McKENNA & BROUGHTON LLC Ritchie Prince, Esq. 25369 U. S. Highway 98, Suite B Daphne, Alabama 36526 rp@princemckean.com January 5-12-19, 2018</p>	<p>For informational purposes only, the property address is: 25805 Perdido Beach Blvd, #324, Orange Beach, AL 36561. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.</p> <p>This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS.</p>	<p>This is to notify you that Civil Action No. CV-2013-901337.00, entitled Equity Trust Company, Custodian, FBO Lewis Nadley V. Frank M Connell E is presently pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Baldwin County Courthouse, 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 10, Bay Minette, AL 36507 there is being made a claim against the Defendant in order to cure title. You are hereby notified that you are required to answer the claims against you in writing and to file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this Court with a copy to Amelia K. Steindorff Esq., whose address is Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC, c/o Amelia K. Steindorff, 2100 Southbridge PKWY, Suite 228, Birmingham, Alabama 35209 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this</p>	<p>Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside as follows: "Proposal for Engineering Services, LWCF Elberta Soccer Fields Project" and may be mailed or hand-delivered to Ms. Lisa Salter, Clerk, Town of Elberta, P.O. Box 277, 13052 Main Street, Elberta, AL 36530. All proposals shall contain original signatures, facsimile copies will not be accepted. Proposal must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on</p>
<p>Notice of Public Sale</p> <p>Summerdale Self Storage, Summerdale Alabama 36580, in accordance with Alabama law, will conduct a public sale on their premises Friday, January 26, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. and each day following until all contents are sold. The company reserves the right to refuse any bid on any unit and withdraw any item from the sale. The following units will be sold to the highest bidder for CASH Only. Phone (251) 989-2391.</p> <p>Unit C35: Hill, Joanne 104 Central St. #2 Twin City, Ga 30471</p>					

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Friday, January 12, 2018. All proposals will be evaluated and an award decision will be made by the Mayor and Town Council. The Town of Elberta is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Mayor Jim Hamby
 Town of Elberta
 January 5, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING, AND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING

The Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board will meet for a Work Session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Conference Room at the Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse at 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532.

The Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers at the Fairhope Municipal Complex at 161 North Section Street in Fairhope, AL 36532.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers at the Fairhope Municipal Complex at 161 North Section Street in Fairhope, AL 36532.

The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM AM in the Council Chambers at the Fairhope Municipal Complex at 161 North Section Street in Fairhope, AL 36532.

The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers at the Fairhope Municipal Complex at 161 North Section Street in Fairhope, AL 36532.

The proposed combined agenda for each meeting may be viewed on the Eastern Shore MPO website: (<http://www.easternshorempo.org>) fourteen days prior to the meeting. For more information regarding the meetings listed above, please contact the Eastern Shore MPO at 251-990-4643.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact the Eastern Shore MPO at 251-990-4640.

Asistencia de idiomas está disponible poniéndose en contacto con personal de la MPO en coordinator@easternshorempo.org
 December 27, 2017;
 January 3-5-10, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Kemko, Inc., has completed all work for the Baldwin County Commission located in Baldwin County, AL. All persons having any claim for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Baldwin County Commission, 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 11, Bay Minette, Alabama, 36507.
 January 5, 2018

Legal Notice

STATE OF ALABAMA
 COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-80.83 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial Administration Fund; to further provide for retirement for a part-time law librarian.
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12-19, 2018

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on February 12, 2004 by Pamela L. Worshum and Thomas J. Worshum, wife and husband, originally in favor of Magnolia Mortgage Company, LLC, and recorded in Instrument # at 798669 on February 17, 2004, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred or assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as reflected by instrument recorded in Instrument #, 490670 and Instrument #, 1661012 of the same Office. Shapiro and Ingle, L.L.P., as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on January 18, 2018, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder in front of the main entrance of the Baldwin County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Bay Minette, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at the Southwest corner of the South half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Baldwin County, Alabama; as shown on plat of Loxley Woods as recorded in Map Book 11, Page 103, Probate Records, Baldwin County, Alabama; thence run North 89 degrees 35 minutes, 26 seconds West for a distance of 40.0 feet; thence run North 01 degrees, 28 minutes, 00 seconds East for a distance of 209.87 feet; thence run North 89 degrees, 46 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 313.49 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 01 degrees 19 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 417.63 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 50 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 314.60 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 10 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 415.53 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East for a distance of 313.49 feet to the point of beginning.

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 17311 Horseshoe Bnd, Loxley, AL 36551. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments

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including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of Shapiro and Ingle, LLP at the address indicated below. Shapiro and Ingle, LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, and its successors and assigns Mortgagee or Transferee

SHAPIRO AND INGLE, LLP
 10130 Perimeter Parkway,
 Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216
 704-333-8107/17-014564
 Attorneys for Mortgagee or Transferee
 December 22-29, 2017;
 January 5, 2018

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in that certain Mortgage from Louie Gunter to Alabama Capital, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, dated October 22, 2008 and recorded in Instrument Number 1146618 in the Probate Court Records of Baldwin County, Alabama, default having been made in the performance of the terms of said Mortgage, the undersigned shall, during the legal hours of sale on the 8th day of December 2017, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in front of the front door of the main Courthouse of Baldwin County, Alabama, the following described real property situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 4, Magnolia Crossing, according to plat thereof recorded on Slide 2043-A and 2043-B of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.
THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RESCUE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage, the charges as provided therein, and expenses hereof, including attorney's fees.

Alabama Capital, LLC
 Mortgage Holder

Michael C. De Laney
 Attorney for Mortgage Holder
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED SALE WAS DULY POSTPONED AND WILL BE HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1018.
 January 5, 2018



Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
 ALABAMA

PNC BANK,
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RAYMOND H. LAFORCE AKA
 RAY H. LAFORCE, CANDY L.
 LAFORCE,
 Defendants.

CASE NO. CV 2017-901089
 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Defendant, Raymond H. LaForce aka Ray H. LaForce, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's Complaint for ejectment to obtain possession of the following described property:
 Bldg G, Unit 4 formerly known as Unit D, Walker Key, a condominium, Phase 2, Parcel B, a condominium, located in Baldwin County, Alabama, according to that certain Declaration of Condominium dated December 22, 1998 and filed March 17, 1999, as Instrument Number 483624, and all exhibits thereto including the By-Laws of Walker Key Condominium Owner's Association; said Declaration of Condominium amended as Instrument Number 743550, and further amended as Instrument Number 755734; together with the appropriate interest in the common elements pursuant to said Declaration and amendments thereto.

Also Known as: 4551 Walker Key Blvd G4, Orange Beach, AL 36561

By the 12th day of February, 2018, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against it in the above-captioned case of action now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Done this 7th day of December, 2017.

Jody Wise Campbell
 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
 Jacob A. Kiser
 Sirote & Permutt, P.C.
 2311 Highland Ave. S.
 Birmingham, AL 35205
 December 22-29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Town of Elberta is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals interested in providing professional services related to the preparation and implementation of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. The purpose of this project is to apply for \$350,000 in funding to construct soccer fields, parking lot and sidewalks at the Elberta Sports Facility which requires the following services:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION: These tasks shall include, but not be limited to, preparation of a grant application to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), and then, if the grant is awarded by ADECA, the preparation of an environmental review record; preparation of all necessary documents to remove grant conditions; preparation of requests for state funds to ensure consistency with all Federal and State Accounting procedures; establish and maintain project files; monitor program progress; monitor compliance with all applicable Federal and State requirements; assist with the preparation of bid and contract documents; and preparation of all reports as required by ADECA inclusive of preparation of close-out documents for submission to ADECA upon project completion. All applicants must submit their qualifications, list any prior experience with Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects in the State of Alabama, list any experience with other federally funded projects, and list any previous experience with the Town of Elberta. All applicants must include a lump sum fee for all services to be provided from project initiation through project close-out.

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Proposals will be rated according to the following criteria:

1. Experience with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program-30 points
2. Professional qualifications-20 points
3. Knowledge and familiarity with the community-20 points
4. Experience with Federally funded projects-20 points
5. Cost of services to be provided-10 points

These proposals are being requested in accordance with Circular A-102, Attachment O, issued by the Office of Management and Budget, and the "modified" Common Rule as adopted by the State of Alabama. A contract will be awarded to the qualified applicant whose proposal is determined to be the most appropriate. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposal process.

Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside as follows: "Proposal for Program Administration, LWCF Elberta Soccer Fields Project" and may be mailed or hand-delivered to Ms. Lisa Salter, Clerk, Town of Elberta, P.O. Box 277, 13052 Main Street, Elberta, AL 36530. All proposals shall contain original signatures, facsimile copies will not be accepted. Proposal must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018. All proposals will be evaluated and an award decision will be made by the Mayor and Town Council. The Town of Elberta is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Mayor Jim Hamby
 Town of Elberta
 January 5, 2018

Notice of Completion
 John G. Walton Construction Co., Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. STPOA-0215(250) in Baldwin County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on 1/5/18 and ending on 1/26/18. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 81222, Mobile, AL 36689 during this period.

John G. Walton Construction Co., Inc.
 January 5-12-19-26, 2018

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on February 27, 2006 by Renee L Corley, an unmarried woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for ERA Mortgage, and recorded in Instrument # at 959266 on March 3, 2006, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred or assigned to PHH Mortgage Corporation as reflected by instrument recorded in Instrument #, 1503376 of the same Office. Shapiro and Ingle, L.L.P., as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on January 18, 2018, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder in front of the main entrance of the Baldwin County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Bay Minette, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit: The West one-fifth of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 6 East. Together with all improvements constructed upon, affixed to or located upon the above described real Property, including without limitation any residential dwelling located upon or to be located thereon, which dwelling is or may be a manufactured home, as hereinbelow described, which manufactured home is or upon placement and affixation shall be conclusively deemed to real estate

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(the "Manufactured Home"): 1999 (Year) Chandel (Make) 2806 (Model) VIN Number:CH2AL06441A and CH2AL06441B

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 32403 Smallwood Rd, Seminole, AL 36574.

Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of Shapiro and Ingle, LLP at the address indicated below. Shapiro and Ingle, LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

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 December 22-29, 2017;
 January 5, 2018

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-234.40 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the retirement of law enforcement officers in the sheriff's office; to further specify that a retiring officer may be furnished with a firearm by the department.
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Sue Johnson, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 19th day of November, 2008, which



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Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, as Instrument Number 1150781; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage by virtue of that certain Corporate Assignment of Mortgage dated September 16, 2013, and recorded in said Probate Office as Instrument Number 1421566. The undersigned, Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage, as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Baldwin County Courthouse in the City of Bay Minette, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 25, 2018, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 12, Block 5 in Lynn-Haven, a subdivision of a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, according to the official map or plat thereof which is recorded in Map Book 5 at page 106, Baldwin County Alabama Records.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

**REGIONS BANK
 DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE
 ASSIGNEE**

SASSER, SEFTON &
 BROWN, P.C.
 Bowdy J. Brown, Esq.
 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 8050

Montgomery, Alabama 36104
 Our File No.: 49820-626
 ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Superior Court of
 the State of Arizona
 In and for the County of Yuvapai

Division: PTB
 Hon. Don Stevens
 Case No. P1300SV201700034

Donna McQuality, Clerk
 By: H. Richardson, Deputy Clerk
 Date: November 27, 2017

Title: In the Matter of
 Kiaya Canfield
 Person(s) under the age of 18 years

Hearing on: Initial Severance
 Court Report: Susanne Nardozi

Appearance:
 Adam Reynolds Canfield,
 Petitioner

To: Victoria Norman,

This is to inform you of the hearing set time and place. The Court informs the Petitioner he may file for an Order of Protection against Respondent if needed.

It is ordered continuing hearing on February 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. allotting 30 minutes. End Time: 9:02 a.m.

January 5-12-19-26, 2017



Legal Notice

**MORTGAGE
 FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William E. Bennett aka W. Edward Bennett and Shelly Bennett, husband and wife, to Regions Bank, successor by merger to AmSouth Bank on the 14th day of September, 2005, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama in Instrument 929932.

The undersigned Regions Bank, successor by merger to AmSouth Bank, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance of the Court House at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 1st day of February, 2018 during the legal hours of sale, the improvements and the leasehold interest (Fairhope Single Tax Corporation property) following real estate, situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 6 of Block 22-28N of Replat of Blocks 22, 23, 27, 28, 36, 37, 42 & 43 of Magnolia Beach Addition to Fairhope, Alabama, according to the plat thereof recorded in Misc. Book 1, Pages 330-331, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

**REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR
 BY
 MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK
 Mortgagee**

W. L. LONGSHORE, III
 Attorney for Mortgagee
 LONGSHORE, BUCK
 & LONGSHORE, P.C.
 The Longshore Building
 2009 Second Avenue North
 Birmingham, Alabama 35203-3703
 Phone: 205-252-7661
 January 5-12-19, 2018

**Abandon
 Vehicle / Boat**

Notice of Sale Abandoned:
 1999 Ford Ranger
 VIN: 1FTYR10CXXPA40421
 Sale date: February 9, 2018
 By: Tony's Towing, Inc.
 Location of sale:
 8326 Nichols Ave. Ext
 Fairhope, AL 36532
 January 5-12, 2018

Estate Notices

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35165
 Estate of
 Aaron G. Bishop
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jeffrey N. Bishop
 Personal Representative

Taylor D. Wilkins, Jr.
 Wilkins Bankster
 Biles & Wynne
 Post Office Box 400
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 December 29, 2017;
 January 10-17, 2018

Estate Notices

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35162
 Estate of
 Winona B. Brown
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Terri Lynn Allen
 Personal Representative

T. Jeff Stein
 Attorney at Law
 Post Office Box 1772
 Mobile, AL 36633
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35139
 Estate of
 John Patrick Crowder
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Nora Crowder
 Personal Representative

Andrew McKinney
 McKinney & Associates, P.C.
 Post Office Box 2999
 Gulf Shores, AL 36547
 December 29, 2017;
 January 3-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35033
 Estate of
 William Stanley Hamilton-Smith
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Karen Ann Edwards
 Personal Representative

William E. Scully, Jr.
 Attorney At Law
 Post Office Box 962
 Daphne, AL 36526
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35083
 Estate of
 Anthony Ray Hutchinson
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Randall Hutchinson
 Personal Representative

C. Andrew Harrell, Jr.
 Olmstead, Harrell & Garner, LLC
 234 Office Park Drive
 Gulf Shores, AL 36542
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 34764

Estate of
 Raymond L. Kervin
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published
 Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the

Estate Notices

14th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Billy R. Kervin
 Personal Representative

Kyla Groff Kelim
 Attorney at Law
 Post Office Box 109
 Fairhope, AL 36533 0109
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35082
 Estate of
 Alvis E. Rainey
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Johnnie Rainey
 Personal Representative

Rita H. Scott
 Scott & Scott Law, LLC
 Post Office Box 1248
 Fairhope, AL 36533
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35163
 Estate of
 Howard L. Russell
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Terri Ann Rosene
 Personal Representative

Barry R. Bennett
 Attorney at Law
 Post Office Box 297
 Foley, AL 36536
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 35167
 Estate of
 Janie L. Shores
 Notice of Appointment
 to be Published

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tim Russell, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Laura S. Shores
 Personal Representative

Allan R. Chason
 Chason & Chason
 Post Office Box 100
 Bay Minette, AL 36507
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

Estate Notices

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 33798
 In Re: Estate of
 Ora Mae White,
 Deceased

To: Judy Osborn, Steve White,
 Any and All heirs at Law and Next
 of Kin of Ora Mae White, Deceased

This day came Katherine L. Williamson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ora Mae White, Deceased, and filed her petition for final settlement of said Estate.

Estate Notices

It is ordered that on the 24th day of January, 2018, at 10:30 A.M., in the Bay Minette Probate Office, Courthouse Annex, be, and the same hereby is, appointed as the day and time on which to make such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest the said settlement, if you think proper.

Witness my hand this 12th day of December, 2017.

Tim Russell
 Judge of Probate

Camille R. Ford
 Attorney at Law
 Post Office Box 2925
 Daphne, AL 36526
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

In the Probate Court of
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Case No. 33376
 In Re: Estate of
 Margaret Ann Schwieterman,
 Deceased

To: Golden Living Center, Bank of America, Synchrony Bank Care Credit, Ann Everman, South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, Escambia County EMS, Michael Jackson, Third Federal Savings and Loan, Huntington Bank, Medstar, Thomas Hospital, Sacred Heart Health System, Crestview Urgent Care, U.A.B., Campbell County Property Tax, Shelli L. Daniels, Michael R. Daniels, Carin S. Hall, Phillip Stallworth, Judith D. Stallworth, Teo Stallworth, Quentin Stallworth, Carrie Dirksen, Campbell County Public Library, Jay Schwieterman, Lindsey Daniels any and all Creditors and to All persons interested in the Estate of Margaret Ann Schwieterman, Deceased

This day came Lawrence Schwieterman as Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret Ann Schwieterman, Deceased, and filed his petition praying that the above estate be declared insolvent.

It is ordered that the 30th day of January, 2018, at 1:00 P.M., in the Foley Satellite Courthouse, be, and the same hereby is, appointed as the day and time on which to hear said petition, at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you think proper.

Witness my hand this 13th day of December, 2017.

Tim Russell
 Judge of Probate

Judy A. Newcomb
 Murchison & Newcomb
 Post Office Box 2149
 Foley, AL 36535
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018

State of Alabama)
 County of Baldwin)
 Probate Court For Said County
 this 12th day of December, 2017
 Case No. 35069
 Notice of Publication
 to Probate Will

To: Unknown Children of Josph Mabus, Unknown Children of Mildred Sheperd, and Any and all unknown Heirs at Law and Next of Kin of Virginia Ann Dixon, Deceased

You will hereby take notice, that on this day came Jimmy Mabus and produced to the Court a paper writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Virginia Ann Dixon, Deceased, and moves the Court to admit the said Will and Probate and Record.

You are notified to be and appear before me, at my office in the Foley Satellite Courthouse of said County at 1:30 P.M., on the 23rd day of January, 2018, when the motion will be considered, and show, if anything you have to allege, why said paper writing should not be admitted to Probate and Record, as the True Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

Tim Russell
 Judge of Probate

James Parrish Coleman
 Attorney at Law
 22787 Hwy. 59 South
 Robertsdale, AL 36567
 December 29, 2017;
 January 5-12, 2018



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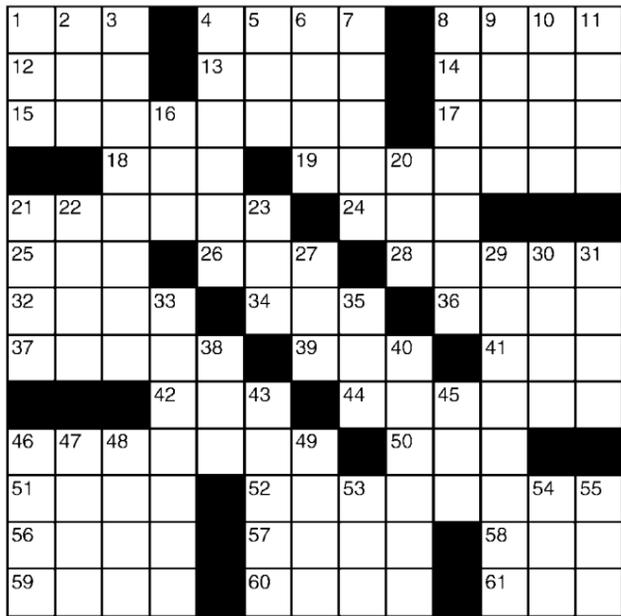


Puzzles

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ACROSS

- 1 Winter woe
- 4 Movie fragment
- 8 Restaurant employee
- 12 Deteriorate
- 13 Stash
- 14 Head light?
- 15 Formed rust
- 17 Too
- 18 Felon's flight
- 19 Tasted
- 21 Miss Muffet's bugaboo
- 24 Prune
- 25 Candy in a dispenser
- 26 Deli buy
- 28 Rid of frost
- 32 Sandwich cookie



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- 34 Yuletide quaff
- 36 Crucial time
- 37 Re ebb and flow
- 39 Existed
- 41 Individual
- 42 In medias —
- 44 Libra symbol
- 46 Sweet girl in an old song
- 50 Yale student
- 51 Poi base
- 52 Worried greatly
- 56 Ear-related
- 57 Links warning
- 58 Detergent brand
- 59 Timid
- 60 Applications
- 61 Rep. rival
- 9 Corridor
- 10 Differently
- 11 Comestibles
- 16 Father
- 20 Chic, in the '60s
- 21 Location
- 22 Actress Gilpin
- 23 Take off
- 27 Violinist's need
- 29 Put on a pedestal
- 30 Chaplin prop
- 31 Spud's buds
- 33 U-shaped part of a row-boat
- 35 Petrol
- 38 Hawaiian souvenir
- 40 Parts of an act
- 43 Big glitch
- 45 — Baba
- 46 Teeny bit
- 47 Piece of info on an invitation
- 48 Great Lake
- 49 Ids' counterparts
- 53 Raw rock
- 54 Before
- 55 Beavers' construct

DOWN

- 1 To and —
- 2 Bagel topping
- 3 Worked with
- 4 Doorbells, often
- 5 Claiborne of fashion
- 6 Mid-month date
- 7 Accelerator, e.g.
- 8 In need of balm, maybe

CRYPTOQUIP

THIS IS A SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION CIPHER IN WHICH EACH LETTER USED STANDS FOR ANOTHER. IF YOU THINK THAT X EQUALS O, IT WILL EQUAL O THROUGHOUT THE PUZZLE. SOLUTION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY TRIAL AND ERROR.

Clue: F equals C

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 ASQAH VEWPA?

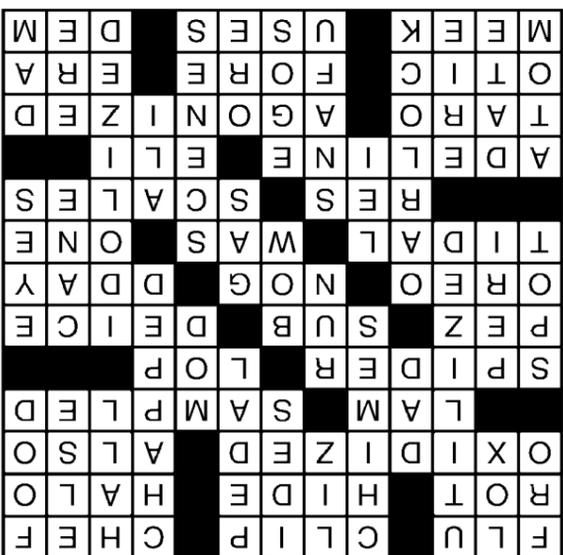
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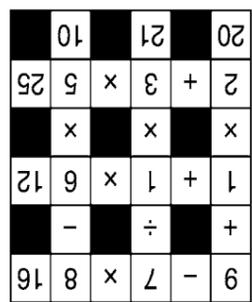
If a hunting cartoon guy were wild about chocolate candy, would he be named Elmer Fudge?



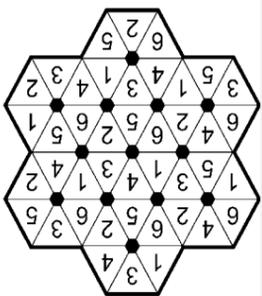
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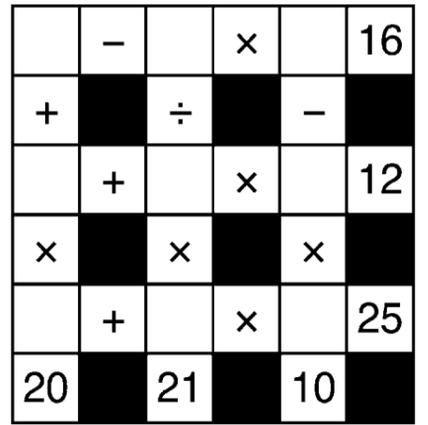


SNOWFLAKES

GO FIGURE!

By Linda Thistle

THE IDEA OF GO FIGURE IS TO ARRIVE AT THE FIGURES GIVEN AT THE BOTTOM AND RIGHT-HAND COLUMNS OF THE DIAGRAM BY FOLLOWING THE ARITHMETIC SIGNS IN THE ORDER THEY ARE GIVEN (THAT IS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT AND TOP TO BOTTOM). USE ONLY THE NUMBERS BELOW THE DIAGRAM TO COMPLETE ITS BLANK SQUARES AND USE EACH OF THE NINE NUMBERS ONLY ONCE.



DIFFICULTY: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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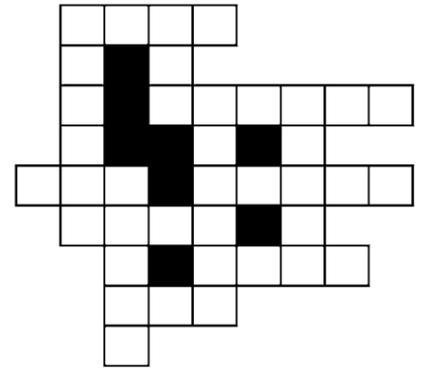
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FEAR KNOT

DOUBT? ... OR DARE! By RJ Johnson

UNSCRAMBLE THESE TWELVE LETTER STRINGS TO FORM EACH INTO AN ORDINARY WORD (EX. HAGNEC BECOMES CHANGE). PREPARE TO USE ONLY ONE WORD FROM ANY MARKED (♥) LETTER STRING AS EACH UNSCRAMBLES INTO MORE THAN ONE WORD (EX. ♥ RATHER BECOMES HATER OR EARTH OR HEART) FIT EACH STRING'S WORD EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN TO KNOT ALL TWELVE STRINGS TOGETHER.

- ASC
- CRIDEP
- ♥ ASPRE
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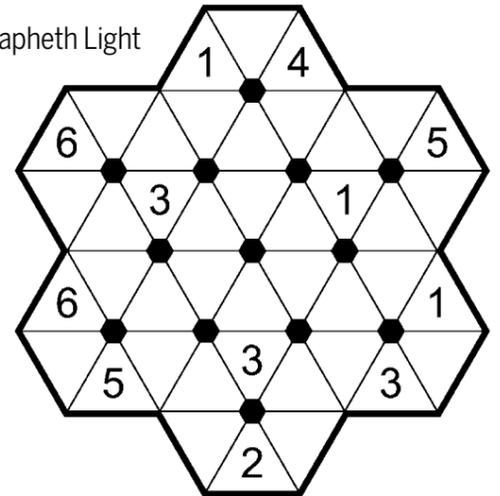


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SNOWFLAKES

By Japheth Light

THERE ARE 13 BLACK HEXAGONS IN THE PUZZLE. PLACE THE NUMBER 1-6 AROUND EACH OF THEM. NO NUMBER CAN BE REPEATED IN ANY PARTIAL HEXAGON SHAPE ALONG THE BORDER OF THE PUZZLE.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Easy
- ◆◆ Medium
- ◆◆◆ Difficult

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HOROSCOPES

WEEK OF JAN. 8, 2018

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes usually can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get

- answers to those still-lingering questions.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so you can get things out in the open.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very

- special.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until midmonth, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle those pesky personal problems.

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Obituaries

DELKER

Steven J. Delker, age 71, a resident of Fairhope, passed away Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

He was a graduate of Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee and Centre College of Danville, Kentucky.

He retired from banking in Henderson, Kentucky and moved to Fairhope in 2000. He was active in Flotilla 36 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fairhope Yacht Club and

the National Association of Amateur Radio.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Delker of Fairhope; children, Heather Delker (James Laugelli) of Fairhope and Matthew S. Delker of Shelbyville, Kentucky; grandchildren, Enzo Laugelli and Sofia Laugelli; many other loving relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 11 a.m.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Mobile Bay-keeper.org, 450-C Government St. Mobile, AL 36602, or St. Michael Catholic High School, 11732 Higbee Road, Fairhope, AL 36532, Guardian Angel Fund.

Arrangements by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 19698 Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL 36532, 251-990-7775, www.wolfebayview.com.

wolfebayview.com.



MOTT

Fred G. Mott Jr., age 55, of Foley, Alabama, originally from Grove Hill, Alabama, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017 after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kay Raffield Coleman and Fred G. Mott Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Pierce Mott; brothers, Henry (Carol) Mott of Silverhill, Jonathan Mott of Elberta; a sister, Sydney Mott of Daphne; aunt, Becky (George) Hawkins of Grove Hill; aunt, Joann Reed of Semmes; nieces and nephews; three goddaughters; and a multitude of loving friends.

Fred had worked at Vulcan Signs in Foley for

32 years. He enjoyed golf, hunting and Auburn football. His friends knew him as fun loving and for his good hugs.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 from 1-2 p.m. at Oyster Bay Baptist Church.

Funeral services began at 2 p.m.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the building fund at Oyster Bay Baptist Church, 4280 Splash Road, Gulf Shores, AL 36542.

Arrangements by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 2551 S. McKenzie St., Foley, AL 36535, 251-943-2391, www.wolfebayview.com.



STEWART

Rosalea Stewart, age 84, a resident of Elberta, Alabama, passed peacefully surrounded by her family at her Sandy Creek home Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.

Rosalea was a devoted wife, loving mother and the daughter of the late Jewel and Rose Jones.

She loved to decorate cakes, crocheting, caring for her family and was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by her parents, Jewel and Rose Jones; grandson, Carson Stewart; and sisters, Dorothy and Louise.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Lowell Stewart of Elberta; children, Barbara Mulloy, Roxann (Joe) Lloyd, Doug (Tanaya) Stewart, Priscilla (Larry) Williams, Charles (Marge) Stewart, Chris (Kim) Quates; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild unborn; and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Blaine Stewart, Douglas Stewart, Justin Stewart, Keven Williams, Noah Lloyd, Johna Lloyd.

Honorary pallbearers will be Katon Mulloy and Keith Nelson.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Foley on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at 11 a.m.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to funeral service.

Interment will follow in Lay Cemetery.

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COMPLETE BALDWIN COUNTY CALENDAR

Oyster recycling program marks a successful first year

By **ALLISON MARLOW**
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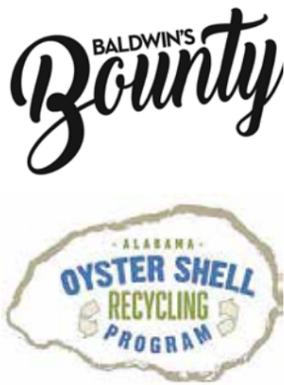
Imagine a parade of dump trucks, nearly 84 of them rumbling down the road in a single line. Now imagine the back of each is filled to the top with oyster shells.

That is how many oyster shells were collected during the first year of the Alabama Oyster Shell Recycling Program, more than 5 million in all.

The program began in December 2015 when the executive chef at the Flora-Bama urged leaders at the Alabama Coastal Foundation to consider a recycling program, said Mark Berte, ACF executive director.

It was the right place and the right time. In 2016 the ACF received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to jumpstart the initiative. The goal was not just to collect the shells but to help educate restaurant staff and patrons about the valuable natural resource.

Now used oyster shells are collected each week from 27 area restaurants. The grant required the program to collect five acres worth of shells. The

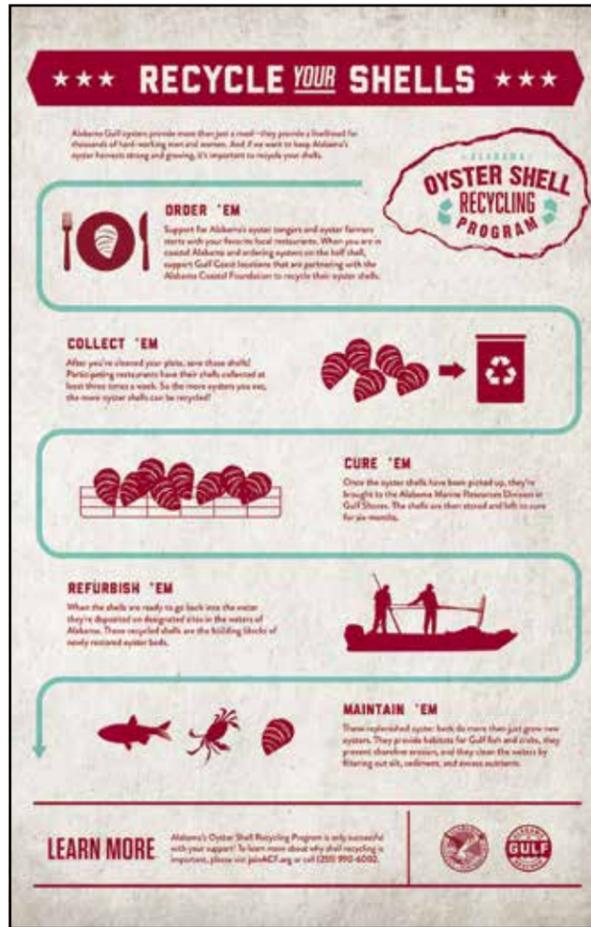


ACF has collected more than 13.

The shells are often covered with garlic, olive oil and lemon when they leave the restaurants. They are left to cure in a field for six months where the sun bleaches them and the ants lick them clean. ACF partners with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources during the curing phase.

“Mother nature does a great job of preparing them,” Berte said.

Cured shells are sent back to the Gulf of Mexico to build restored reefs. So far, the discarded shells have helped to create 12.2 acres of reef which allows more oysters to grow, helps to limit erosion and improve



water quality. Though the grant money ran out in September, donations have allowed the program to continue into 2018.

To learn more about the Oyster Shell Recycling Program and the

Alabama Coastal Foundation, visit www.joinacf.org.

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- Acme Oyster House
- Bluegill Restaurant
- Bubbas Seafood House
- Cobalt The Restaurant
- Doc's Seafood Shack & Oyster Bar
- Felix's Fish Camp
- Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina
- Flora-Bama Lounge
- Flora-Bama Ole River Bar
- Flora-Bama Yacht Club
- Grand Weddings @ the Grand Hotel
- Half Shell Oyster House, Mobile
- Half Shell Oyster House, Spanish Fort
- Original Oyster House, Causeway
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- Saltwater Grill @ the Grand Hotel
- Sea-N-Suds Restaurant
- Shipp's Harbour Grill
- Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores
- Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach
- The Royal Oyster Bar
- Wintzell's Oyster House, Downtown Mobile
- Wintzell's Oyster House, Fairhope
- Wintzell's Oyster House, West Mobile
- Wolf Bay Lodge in Orange Beach

SCHOOL

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study, opposition to a separate system was evident from the beginning.

“We have a good school system in Baldwin County. That was the main thing,” said Councilwoman Tommie Conaway. Conaway is a retired former principal of Daphne East Elementary who was behind the creation of an advisory task force for the schools in the feeder pattern.

“We want to make it better,” she said. “So why not just help the schools make it better?”

Conway said people she talked to in both her council district and other parts of Daphne were not in favor of a separate system. “In order to be successful, you have to have the support of your community, and we would not have had the support of our community.”

Instead, the council will move forward with the advisory committee, which had been postponed while the feasibility study was being conducted. Each council district will have one member and Mayor Dane Haygood recommends two appointments, she said.

Although Daphne's feasibility study contained many more statistics about projected growth and numbers of students, Corcoran said Gulf Shores had studied and discussed the issues over a longer

period of time, so much of that information was already familiar to its citizens. The Baldwin County system also maintains enough statistical information that the city can make accurate projections, he said.

Based on current enrollments and tax bases, Gulf Shores also will have more tax money available for per student, Corcoran said. One mill of property tax in Gulf Shores brings in about \$600,000, while one mill in Daphne is worth about \$400,000,

he said. Gulf Shores has about 1,800 students while Daphne has about 4,000.

The new Gulf Shores school board was appointed in December and will not begin public meetings until it has consultants in place to begin negotiating the terms of the split with the county school system, Corcoran said. Board members currently are interviewing candidates for an education consultant in executive session, with the City Council making the final appointment, he said.

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Alabama Retail Association names 2018 Officers, Directors

MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Retail Association has completed its slate of officers and board of directors for 2018. Their terms of office begin Jan. 1.

The officers for 2018 are:

Chairman: Jacob Shevin, owner and president of Standard Furniture in Alabama and Tennessee; Vice Chairman: Todd Noden, chief financial officer for Birmingham-based Books-A-Million; Treasurer: Bob Akers, vice president, Davis Direct, Montgomery; and President: Richard E. "Rick" Brown Jr., Alabama Retail Association, Montgomery. Shevin, Noden, Akers and Brown serve as Ala-

bama Retail's executive committee along with: Immediate Past Chairman: Frederick W. "Ricky" Bromberg, president, Bromberg & Co. Inc, Birmingham; and Executive Committee Designee: Terry Shea, co-founder, Wrapsody, Hoover and Auburn.

The board secretary is the Alabama Retail Association's Jennifer Henderson.

The other 2018 directors for the Alabama Retail Association are (*denotes new director):

- Avery Ainsworth, Fleet Feet Sports, Montgomery;
- Wogan Badcock III, W. S. Badcock Corp., Mul-

berry, Fla.;

- *Katherine Bell, CVS Health, Atlanta, Ga.;
- Raymond Cohen, Cohens Electronics and Appliances Inc., Montgomery;
- Kealon Drake, Moe's Southwest Grill, Auburn/Birmingham/Homewood/Hoover/Opelika/Vestavia Hills;
- Michael Gee, Pants Store, Leeds/Huntsville/Mountain Brook/Trussville/Tuscaloosa;
- *Margaret Hamm, Monograms Plus of Cullman, Cullman;
- Howard Johnson, Sneaky Pete's Hot Dogs, Bessemer;
- Skip Johnston, J & M Bookstore Inc., Auburn;
- Denise Knox, Private Gallery Inc., Fairhope;
- David S. Marks III,

- Marks Furniture Co., Spanish Fort;
- Lindsey Napier, Publix Super Markets Inc., Marietta, Ga.;
- Melissa Parker-Paul, Yancy Parker Lifestyles Inc., Enterprise;
- Robert A. Robicheaux (retired), Birmingham;
- Tammy Rogers, Beaumont Pharmacy & Gift Boutique, Birmingham;
- Fred Roth, Best Buy Co. Inc., Bessemer;
- *Jodie Stanfield, Local Joe's, Rainbow City and Alexandria;
- Jeremy Walker, Target, Trussville;
- Glen Wilkins, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Suwanee, Ga.;
- John M. Wilson, Big Bear of Luverne Inc., Luverne and Greenville.

Ex-officio directors, who include past presidents and chairmen, are: Rodney Barstein, Retail Specialists Inc., Birmingham; Darrell Bourne (retired), Huntsville; Peter V. "Greg" Gregerson Jr., Gregerson's Foods, Gadsden; Ken Hubbard, Western Market, Birmingham; Mayor Claude "Bud" Kitchin IV, Lincoln; Jim Rotenstreich, JHF Holdings Inc., Birmingham; Jimmy D. Smith and Jimmy Ray Smith, Jimmy Smith Jewelers, Decatur; and Dianne Wammack (retired), Vestavia Hills; George Wilder, The Locker Room, Montgomery and Auburn.

About Alabama Retail

The Alabama Retail Association represents re-

tailers, the largest private employer in the state of Alabama, before the Alabama Legislature and the U.S. Congress. Through sales of food, clothing, furniture, medicine and more, our 4,200 independent merchant and national company members touch almost every aspect of daily living. Since 1943, we've worked to promote what's best for the retail industry in Alabama. Whether voicing the retail view when public policy is made, educating members about issues that impact them, negotiating rates for benefits and services or communicating the retail story, the Alabama Retail Association and its members are better together.

Second grade students support The Haven in two creative ways this season

FAIRHOPE — Special thanks to this special group of students and their teacher at Gulf Shores Elementary. Julie Tassin and her second-grade class have created two very special ways to support The Haven during the holiday season.

Students have created pet-themed, customized adoption envelopes. Students design special art work for the envelope cover. As an animal gets ready to head to its new home, all paperwork, including animal records, medical records, newsletters, receipts and notes are placed inside and delivered to each animal's new family. Julie's class has also been busy creating

holiday rice socks for our available kittens and cats. Students fill tube socks with uncooked rice and tie a not at the end of the sock. The Haven warms the sock in the microwave for a few minutes and wraps it tightly in a towel. These are placed with young kittens or adult cats that are under the weather. It helps regulate their body temperature and makes their quality of life much better while they are on their way to recovery and then finding their new loving home.

Partnering with school-aged students to get them involved is a great way to get the younger generation to talk about homeless pets and brainstorm



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A kitten cuddles with a heated rice sock.

solutions on ways they can help. Julie and her students have been amazing and so dedicated to helping homeless pets.

For more information about The Haven, please visit www.havenforanimals.org or call 251-929-3980.

About The Haven™

The Haven™ began

implementing life-saving programs for abandoned, abused and neglected animals in Baldwin County in 2000. The nonprofit, no-kill shelter is a 501(c)(3) organization and at any given time, about 60-70 animals call the shelter home. The animal shelter works together with like-minded organizations and municipal animal control



PHOTO BY GULF SHORES ELEMENTARY TEACHER JULIE TASSIN

Students decorate adoption envelopes.

shelters to create a no-kill Baldwin County. More than 6,000 homeless cats and dogs have a found their life-loving home www.havenforanimals.org. All Haven adoptable dogs have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated,

microchipped, tested for heartworms and more. The Haven's adoption package includes 30 days of free pet insurance, a bag of Science Diet dog food, 30 days of heartworm/flea/tick prevention.

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abama Secretary of State John Merrill, Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft, Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and former Auburn football coach

Tommy Tuberville. Actor Clint Eastwood received 2 votes, as did South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Director Donna Watts, Spanish Fort City Prosecutor Karol Kemp, Representative Randy Davis, Probate Judge Tim Russell and former Con-

gressman Jack Edwards. Receiving one vote countywide were Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts, Birmingham area weatherman James Spann, Elberta Mayor Jim Hamby, former Congressman Jo Bonner, Representative Joe Faust, Alabama Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan, former Fairhope Mayor Tim Kant, Commissioner Tucker Dorsey, Elberta Councilmember Vicky Norris, former Senate candidate Jonathan McConnell, Gulf Shores City School Board President Kevin Corcoran, Alabama Chief Justice Lyn Stuart, Robertsdale

Mayor Charles Murphy, former Alabama First Lady Dianne Bentley, former Governor Don Seigelman, Representative Harry Shiver, Spanish Fort Mayor Mike McMillan, radio personality Paul Finebaum, attorney Sam Crosby and "Queen of Foley" Zana Price. Baldwin County Elections Coordinator Violetta Smith said she and the elections staff worked hard to weed out any fictional characters residents may have voted for, but said one did make it through the cracks: Boo Radley, from Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," who received one vote.

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