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The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is supporting the shop local movement with a bit of Christmas magic. Find out more on page 17.

## Daphne looks at lowering Main Street speed limit

By GUY BUSBY  
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DAPHNE — Vehicles going through downtown Daphne may soon have to slow down under a proposal being studied by the City Council.

The council is considering a plan to drop the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit on the street to 25 miles an hour through the downtown area. Officials will discuss the proposal in December.

Councilman Ron Scott said the council considered lowering the speed limit several years ago. The action was rescinded when city officials found they had not followed all the procedures needed to change an ordinance and the former speed limit was restored.

Scott said a public hearing would allow all residents to express their opinions.



GUY BUSBY / STAFF PHOTO

Traffic drives by a 35-mile-an-hour speed limit sign on Main Street in Daphne. The City Council is considering an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on the street to 25 miles an hour.

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### Fairhope replacing cold-damaged plants

An early cold snap damaged many of the ornamental plants and flowers in downtown Fairhope, but city workers are replacing the items with hardier winter vegetation, officials said. Turn to page 15 to read more.

## Bottle Creek mounds still hold mysteries



GUY BUSBY / STAFF PHOTOS

University of Alabama Archaeology Professor Ian Brown addresses an audience at Historic Blakeley State Park on the Bottle Creek Indian Mounds. Brown was part of the expedition that studied the mounds in the 1990s.

By GUY BUSBY  
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STOCKTON — The Native American mounds at Bottle Creek had their most extensive excavation and study a quarter of a century ago, but many questions remain about Alabama's second largest mound site.

Archeologists do not know the purpose of some of the 19 mounds discovered so far. They are not sure if the region doesn't contain more mounds. It probably does, Ian Brown, professor and curator of Gulf Coast Archeology at the University of Alabama, said.

On Saturday, Brown returned to the mound site where he led excavations between 1991 and 1994. He told a group of 45 visitors on a tour sponsored by Historic Blakeley State Park, that for



Visitors to Mound Island climb the 45-foot sides of Mound A at Bottle Creek. The mound is the tallest of 19 mounds at the site that was occupied by Native American tribes from 1250 to 1550.

centuries the tallest mounds were the largest man-made structures on the Gulf Coast.

Visitors walked trails over ground that may have been the most populated place on

the Gulf Coast more than 700 years ago. They climbed over wet leaves and mud to scale the steep sides of Mound A,

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## Fairhope celebrates 125th anniversary

By GUY BUSBY  
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FAIRHOPE — A century and a quarter after the first settlers arrived to establish their dream community, some of their descendants and other residents commemorated the 125th anniversary of Fairhope's founding.

Followers of the Single-Tax Theory of Henry George landed on the Eastern Shore on Nov. 15, 1894 to create their community based on George's economic principles.

On Friday, city officials, anniversary planners and residents — some dressed in costume from the 1890s — commemorated that anniversary at the Fairhope City Museum.

"They wanted to establish a utopian community here and it's just an incredible, incredible journey 125 years ago, just to get here," Museum Director Alan Samry said.

City Councilman Jimmy Conyers said congratulated participants and the community on behalf of

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# Fairhope City Council approves 2019-20 budget

By GUY BUSBY

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**FAIRHOPE** — After weeks of discussion, the Fairhope City Council voted Nov. 14 to approve a 2019-20 budget with little discussion, but with some cuts from the original proposal.

With three of the five members present, the council voted unani-

mously to pass a budget that reduced General Fund spending from the \$30.3 million first proposed to \$29.78 million. The final total is close to the \$29.74 million in the 2018-19 budget.

Mayor Karin Wilson, Council President Jack Burrell and Councilman Kevin Boone were not present at the meeting, which had been resched-

uled from Nov. 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Councilman Jimmy Conyers said council members and city officials had discussed the items in the budget at previous meetings and work sessions and all that remained was the formality of passing the plan.

“We had reached the

point where we were all ready to approve this,” Conyers said Friday.

“The mayor had her staff had worked very hard on this from their end and the council had done its work.”

The budget cut about \$236,000 in proposed police spending, from almost \$7.5 million proposed to more than \$7.26 million in the approved

plan. Cuts included additional salaries and vehicle purchases.

The fire department had an increase from \$739,000 to \$1.08 million with most of the addition being \$341,000 for new vehicles and equipment.

The council also increased the budget for capital improvements at the Civic Center to pay for repairs to the

structure. The center’s capital budget rose from about \$190,000 to almost

\$270,000, but officials at budget planning meetings continued to question whether the building, which is more than 50 years old, should continue to be repaired or if plans should start to replace the facility, which also houses City Hall.

## BOTTLE

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the tallest structure, which at 45 feet high, is taller than a four-story building.

“That was pretty impressive when you’re dealing with people who don’t have iron shovels, but were just moving basket loads of dirt,” he said.

The mound site was occupied at least as far back as the 1200s. People lived on the island building the mounds until about 1550, Brown said.

The builders were part of what has been designated the Pensacola culture that was part of the larger Mississippian culture that built mounds at Moundville and throughout much of the Mississippi River valley. Brown said pottery found at Bottle Creek indicates that the Moundville builders had an early influence on the Baldwin County site, but that the society and its buildings later developed on their own.

Brown said that while the site is now considered isolated, that

wasn’t the case centuries ago. Tour participants reached the island by a one-hour boat trip from Stockton. At a time when boats were the main form of transportation, the island near the conjunction of the five rivers that drain Alabama would have been a central location on a major intersection.

After the 1500s, people continued to live in the area. Some native tribes lived and farmed on Mound Island and the surrounding area.

The site held a cultural significance to local native tribes into the 1700s, when on person guided the French explorer Bienville to the island, Mike Bunn, director of Blakeley State Park, said. Bienville recorded that he found five small clay figures at one of the mounds, but that his guide would not look at the structures and stood with his back to the earthworks.

Brown said the mounds are different sizes and probably had different functions. Mound A has traditionally been considered the site for the home of the ruler of the island,



GUY BUSBY / STAFF PHOTOS

**University of Alabama Archaeology Professor Ian Brown discusses Mound A at Bottle Creek while standing at the top of the man-made structure. The mound was built when the site was occupied by native tribes between 1250 and 1550. At 45-feet tall, the mound was the tallest manmade structure on the Gulf Coast for centuries.**

while the commoners lived around the base, but Brown said that may not be the case.

“The idea was the elite were here and here and maybe something going on here. This may have been where the chief’s house was,” Brown said and then laughed. “You know, the number of storms that we have there, if I was a chief, I don’t know that I’d want to be on the top of Mound A, because there’s a lot of lightning going on out there.”

Another mystery is a smaller mound located away from the main structures. Designated Mound L, archeologists thought at first it would be a simple structure to study.

Digging around parts of the edge, however, they found that the area seemed to be built up over time for different purposes. They also found a wide variety of pottery from other areas indicating that some people who stayed there may have been visitors.

“We joked about this being a hotel because not only was it just full of different kind



**A clearing near the largest mounds at Bottle Creek is believed to be a “borrow pit,” where dirt was dug more than 500 years ago to help construct the structures in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta.**

of structures, but also weird pottery,” Brown said. “It wasn’t the kind of material we’re used to seeing in this area associated with classic Pensacola culture. We still haven’t figure out what all that is, but there was a lot of connections going on with peoples farther to the west in the Mississippi Valley. It needs further investigation.”

When Brown first came to the island in the 1980s, even Mound L’s location was hard to determine. They set out from the central mound site for a short hike to look at Mound L. Four

or five hours later, they realized they were lost in the swamp.

“We missed these mounds and we headed over the wetlands. I felt like DeSoto, going through the swamps,” he said. “It was fun for a while until it got to be about 3:30, 4 o’clock and the sun was starting to go down a little bit and you start to think about how there’s cottonmouths and gators and all these things. They can see you, but you can’t quite see them.”

They finally found a river, but were so disoriented, they did not know which body of water they had reached and had to ask passing boaters where they were. “That was my first experience with the Bottle Creek site, and you wonder why I would ever come back, but I did, many years later,” Brown said.

Brown said that while the archaeologists also faced deer flies, mosquitoes, poison ivy, stinging

nettles and other hazards, the area is a wonder even without the archaeological sites.

“The most delightful thing about the Bottle Creek is the environment. For those who haven’t been out there we really do recommend it in any season,” he said. “There’re some hazards associated with it, but just to go out there it’s one of the most peaceful places on earth.”

The studies in the ‘90s found a great deal of information about the site, but much remains to be learned. While maps of the site dating to the 1880s showed 18 mounds, a survey using LISAR technology, employing lasers to chart land contours, found another mound. Brown said the island still holds much to be learned.

“This whole area is still kind of a mystery,” Brown said. “There’s a whole lot that still needs to be investigated.”

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# Baldwin Living

## Girl Scouts retire flags at USS Alabama

Submitted

Baldwin County Girl Scouts celebrated Veterans Day by retiring stacks of old and weathered American flags during an annual ceremony at the USS Alabama.

Girl Scouts from Troops 8306 in Bay

Minette and 8017, of Fairhope, gathered last week for the somber ceremony. The Baldwin County High School JROTC provided color guard duties while members of the Baldwin County High School Band performed Taps once all the flags were properly retired.



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# Byrne announces November staff community office hours

Staff members from the office of Congressman Bradley Byrne (R-AL) will hold office hours throughout Alabama's First Congressional District this week beginning today.

The staff members will be on hand to help

constituents with problems they may be experiencing with federal agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Medicare, and Social Security. Staff members can also assist constituents who need help applying for or re-

ceiving a United States passport.

Please note that Congressman Byrne will be in Washington casting votes and will not be in attendance at staff community office hours.

## Wednesday, Nov. 20

- » 9 – 10 a.m.: Orange Beach City Hall
- » 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Monroeville City Hall
- » 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Gulf Shores City Hall
- » 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Grove Hill Town Hall

- » 1 – 2 p.m.: Foley City Hall
- » 1 – 2 p.m.: White Smith Memorial Library, Jackson
- » 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: Magnolia Springs Town Office
- » 3 – 4 p.m.: Washington County Public Library, Chatom

- City Hall
- » 9 – 10 a.m.: McIntosh Town Hall
- » 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Spanish Fort City Hall
- » 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Citronelle City Hall
- » 1 – 2 p.m.: Daphne City Hall
- » 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: City of Fairhope Office

## Thursday, Nov. 21

- » 9 – 10 a.m.: Bay Minette

# Pickleball: "Fun and addictive"

Fastest growing sport in the nation a big hit in Baldwin County

By JESSICA VAUGHN

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GULF SHORES — Pickleball, a sport that until recently you may not have heard about. It actually started in the 1960s, but didn't really catch on until the last ten years when it took the nation by storm, quickly becoming one of the fastest growing sport in the country. There's been a rise in pickleball courts and tournaments everywhere, including here in Baldwin County. Pickleball Ambassador Eddie McDonald gathered a group of people who were ready to play, and the Bama Beach Pickleball Club was formed in Oct. 2017. There are now approximately 100 members. The group plays at the Gulf Shores Church of Christ Mon.-Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 - 9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The cost is \$3 per person, and a typical day sees around 35 players on the courts.

"All the money we collect from this we give to

the church in exchange for them letting us play here, so it's a win/win for everyone," said McDonald. "We have a place to play and they get additional income. We started collecting money in Nov. 2017, when we had around 227 players, then in Nov. 2018 it jumped to 415 players, and then this past January we had 974 players."

McDonald said snowbird season is the busiest time of year in our area, with the numbers doubling. Since Nov. 2017, the Bama Beach Pickleball Club has made over \$35,000 to give to the church at just \$3 per person, which McDonald states testifies how rapidly the sport is growing. Pickleball is a mix of ping pong, badminton, and tennis and is played on a smaller court than tennis.

"Most players are retirement age, but people can play pickleball at any age," McDonald said. "We get a lot of people who love tennis but can't play it anymore due to hip replacements or knee replacements, but they can play this sport. It's given them a new lease on life as far as something to do."

As a Pickleball Ambassador, McDonald organizes the local club and tournaments as well as trying to locate more places to play. This is problematic due to the rise in popularity of the sport and the number of new players looking to enjoy it as well. McDonald has been working closely with the cities of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Foley to dedicate pickleball courts in the tri-city area.

A few charitable



JESSICA VAUGHN / STAFF PHOTOS

tournaments have been hosted by the Bama Beach Pickleball Club over the past two years, one at the Gulf Shores Tennis Center with 170 players and two at the Foley Event Center with 90 players the first year and 204 the next. More tournaments are already planned, and new members are always encouraged. Membership is \$20 a year and gives access to tournaments, community events, and club get-togethers and cookouts.

"It's fun to see people doing this who would not normally be doing anything, it's a lifesaver for lots of people," he said. "I've heard stories from people who say how it has rescued them from health issues and mental health issues, because the great thing about this sport is it doesn't matter how old you are, you can play. It's so much fun to see people who have never held a paddle in their hand playing all



the time: it's a fun and addictive sport."

Those who are looking for a place to play can download the Places to Play app and input your location to get a detailed map of nearby places that offer pickleball courts. For those who want to join the Bama Beach Pickleball Club, they have organized courts from beginner to advanced, so you can play with those who have similar levels. The sport is very social and offers lots of talking and laughing during the games, and when people aren't

playing at the club then they're often chatting as they wait for an open court. And if you're still unsure about the growth of pickleball in our area, you can find a YouTube video made by the Bama Beach Pickleball Club featuring a song written and performed by a club member here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxhOASFaktg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxhOASFaktg). If you're interested in learning more about the Bama Beach Pickleball Club, check out their website at <https://bama-beachpickleballclub.teamapp.com>.

## The Baldwin County Solid Waste 2019 Holiday Schedule

Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule		
Holiday	Date	Schedule
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 28, 2019	CLOSED - Garbage Collection will not run
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2019	Thursday Garbage Routes will be Picked up
Christmas Week	Monday, December 23, 2019	Regular Garbage Pickup
	Tuesday, December 24, 2019	Regular Garbage Pickup
	Wednesday, December 25, 2019	CLOSED - Garbage Collection will not run
	Thursday, December 26, 2019	Regular Garbage Pickup
	Friday, December 27, 2019	Wednesday Garbage Routes will be Picked up
New Year's Holiday	Wednesday, January 1, 2020	Regular Garbage Pickup

Landfill Holiday Schedule		
Holiday	Date	Schedule
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 28, 2019	ALL LANDFILLS ARE CLOSED
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2019	OPEN - Magnolia Landfill & Bay Minette Transfer Station CLOSED - MacBride Landfill and Eastfork Landfill
Christmas Holiday	Wednesday, December 25, 2019	ALL LANDFILLS ARE CLOSED
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# The Stray Love Foundation partners with Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department for unique rescue calendar

**Submitted**

The Stray Love Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit animal advocacy group, and Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department, have partnered to create a delightfully engaging 2020 calendar. The result — a full-color 12-month layout, featuring the firefighters/EMTs of Magnolia Springs VFD, alongside their paw-some pin-up partners (SL foster kittens).

So what do rescuers and volunteers, fire-houses and felines, all have in common? The unique pairing was a fundraising idea of Stray Love founder and director, Gayle Guthrie.

“Many fundraising calendars go with a ‘beefcake’ theme, and while there’s nothing wrong with that, we have chosen ‘cute

and fun’ with a twist,” she explains. Adding more detail would be a spoiler. Says Guthrie, “We promise, you have not seen a calendar like this one.”

Since its formation almost 10 years ago, the 501c3 has remained true to its mission: “To assist as many stray, injured, abandoned or ‘left behind’ cats and dogs (the occasional rabbit) as we can with the resources we have.” To date, more than 1,400 animals have been placed in safe, loving homes. Supporting active TNR programs, advocacy, education and well-being assistance for the area’s senior and vulnerable pet owners, round out Stray Love’s big-picture cause. As it turns out, 2019 is the

nonprofit’s most active year, with approximately 178 intakes and a projected budget of

\$145,000.

Organized in 1961, MSVFD responds to 35-square miles of residential, woodland and waterfront area, averaging 400 calls annually — spanning all variety of fires to medical and traumatic emergencies. During downtime, they provide community fire prevention education and host CPR classes. While the 40-member crew is trained to handle most events, their greatest concern is a fleet of aging apparatus, with ongoing maintenance costs.

Both boots-on-the-ground groups depend on community support to fulfill their year-round efforts.

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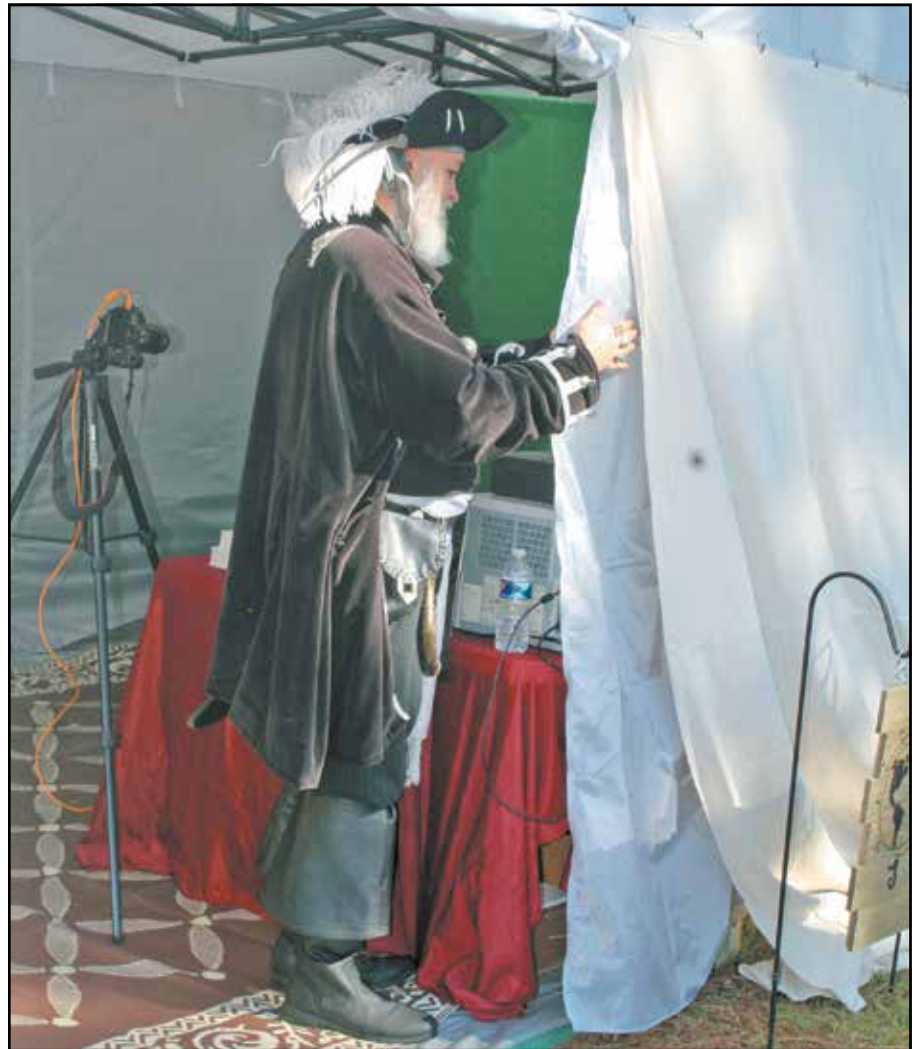
The Mobile Renaissance Faire & Pirate Festival was held Nov. 16-17 at Medieval Village, 30510 Osprey Lane, located north of the Wilcox Road exit of Interstate 10, Robertsdale. The festival, held each year on the third week of November, is a fun and learning experience

of the middle ages. It is a time when young and old dress up as renaissance characters (not required) and head out for an exciting weekend full of history, music, food, arts, crafts and games. Live entertainment is featured on five stages, along with a jousting tournament,

live shows, medieval games of skill, historic learning demonstrations and streets scattered with noble knights, goddess princesses, dragon slayers, mighty kings, wizards and many more medieval characters. For more information visit the festival's website at [gcrf.us](http://gcrf.us).



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## Prepared to be amazed? Brandon Styles Magic Show wows

By **JESSICA VAUGHN**  
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**FOLEY** — Do you love magic, mystery, and mind-bending illusions? Have you ever wanted to be on stage during a magic show to assist in a trick? Do you delight in trying to solve the unexplainable? Did you know there's a magic show right here in Foley

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the opportunity. I knew I'd like to raise a family here, settle down, and make the show work here; and that's what we did."

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"I got a magic kit when I was a kid and I started playing with it, but I never threw it aside," Styles said. "I kept doing it and then started watching magicians on TV. I loved to watch them, and the reactions of the people. It wasn't so much the magic as it was watching the audience



react. That's my drive, wowing people and making them happy."

For showtimes, ticket prices, purchases, and more info on Brandon Styles Live and other shows offered, check out the website at [www.](http://www.brandonstyles.com)

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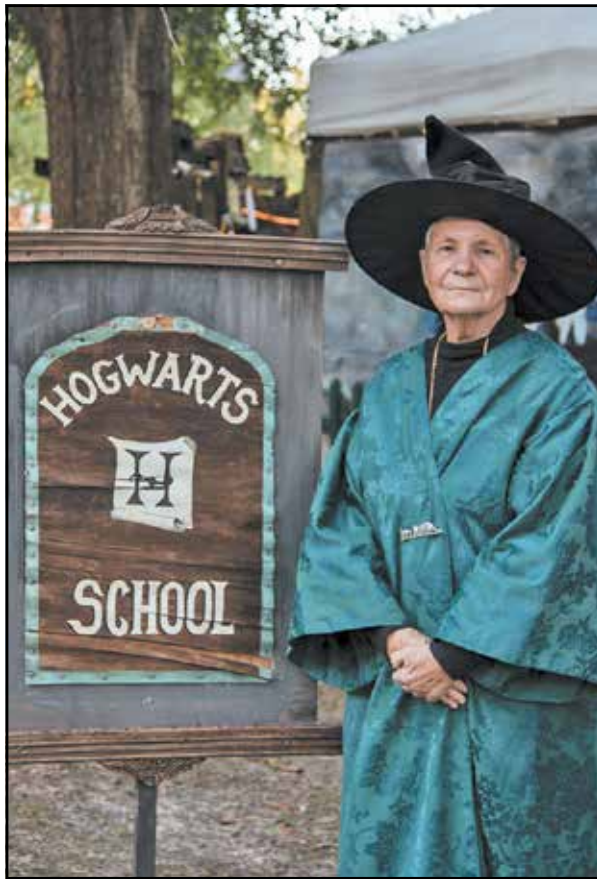


# Tea at Hogwarts



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Just when Foley thought all was quiet, Platform 9 ¾ opened up for the 5th Annual Tea at Hogwarts refresher class. As hoped for, the dementors and dragons were well-behaved, and guest news reporter Rita Skeeter and sports commentator Ludo Bagman were a great addition to this year's Tri-Wizard Tournament. We had a full enrollment with both new students and Alumni. Wand making and potions class kept the muggles and wizards too busy to get into trouble. We think it's safe to say another year and "Mischief Managed!"



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# Obituaries



of New Haven, Connecticut and resident of Fairhope, Alabama, died on Nov. 10, 2019.

She was the daughter of the late Peter Bernabucci and Genoveffa Bertulli Bernabucci, both Italian immigrants from the Marche region.

Elsa graduated from Commercial High School in New Haven, where she was an excellent student. She worked for many years at New Haven's Connecticut Hard Rubber Company as a

lab technician in silicone rubber development. Later she worked as a technician and supervisor in quality control and research and development at Industrial Laboratories, also in New Haven.

She loved living near Long Island Sound where she spent many summer days swimming and beaching with family and friends. Rhode Island and Cape Cod beaches were among her favorite destinations.

Elsa and George also enjoyed going dancing. Music, especially the classics, was a passion of hers. She especially enjoyed listening to Edith Piaf singing "La Vie en Rose." Elsa often said, "music nourishes my soul."

She sang in her church choir, St. Margaret RC Church of Madison, Connecticut, and several choruses – the Shoreline Chorale, The Mistletones and the special joy of her life, the Opera Theater of Connecticut Choral Ensemble.

Elsa and her husband, George, wintered for many years in Fairhope, dividing time between there and Madison, Connecticut, and finally settled permanently in Fairhope in 2009.

She was preceded in death by her parents; dear sister, Mary Gagliardi; and dear brother, Dario Bernabucci.

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Elsa is survived by her beloved husband, George; dear sisters, Rose Bernabucci and Frances Ricci of North Haven, Connecticut; dear nephews, Thomas (Donna) Gagliardi and Richard (Paula) Korin; dear nieces, Doreen (John) Brown, Denise Bernabucci, Sharon (Paul) Healey, Mary Jean (James) Otis, Sabrina Ricci and Michele (James) Bell; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral mass was held on November 12 at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church of Fairhope.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in her memory to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Expressions of condolence for the family may be made at [www.hughesfh.com](http://www.hughesfh.com).

Hughes Funeral Home, Daphne, Alabama, is assisting the family.

## BISHOP

Caiden Brice Bishop, age 11, a resident of Elberta, Alabama, surrounded by family and loved ones, left us to go to Heaven on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

Caiden was an avid Alabama football fan and loved to fish, hunt and shrimp. He was a student at Elberta El-

ementary School.

He is survived by his parents, Nic and Jenna Tolbert of Elberta; sisters, Baileigh Bishop, Bella Tolbert, Hannah Bishop and Madison Bishop; brother, Brennan Tolbert; maternal grandmother, Cindy Bishop of Fairhope; maternal grandfather, David Bishop Jr. of Milton, Washington; paternal grandparents, Oscar and Kelly Tolbert of Elberta; great-maternal grandparents, Tom and Mary Smyly of Elberta; a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at 11 a.m. at The Dwelling Place.

Visitation began at 10 until time of service.

Interment followed at Memory Gardens of Fairhope.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Dwelling Place, 18246 S. Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL 36532, to assist with funeral expenses.

Arrangements by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 19698 Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL 36532, 251-990-7775, [www.wolfefuneralhomes.com](http://www.wolfefuneralhomes.com).



## DAVIS

Connie Louise Davis, 77, of Gateswood, passed away Nov. 10, 2019.

A celebration of life will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at the home of her daughter, Anne, in Moline, Florida.

Arrangements by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, Robertsdale.

## GODDIN

Louise Goddin, age 87, Florida native now resident of Spanish Fort,

Alabama, passed away on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

She loved gardening and birdwatching.

She is survived by sisters, Joyce (Mike) Thorne of Red Bay, Florida and Gladys Sapp of Ponce de Leon, Florida; brother, Cotis Goddin of Ponce de Leon, Florida; godchildren, Schylar Gant of Birmingham, Alabama and Daphaine Hester of Creola, Alabama; neighborhood children; along with nieces, nephews, other family, friends and two cats.

A celebration of Louise's life will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, 11 a.m., at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 27409 U.S. Hwy. 98, Daphne, Alabama 36526, 251-625-2900, [www.wolfefuneralhomes.com](http://www.wolfefuneralhomes.com).



## GODWIN

Addie Lee Godwin, 96, a resident of Loxley, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

Celebration of life services were Saturday, Nov. 16 at Loxley United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, Robertsdale.

## MAHAN

Marion Elizabeth "Mickey" Head Mahan, 74, a resident of Robertsdale, passed away Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at Stapleton United Methodist Church with interment in Stapleton Community Cemetery.

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## ANTINARELLA

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# Military active duty, veterans get extra waterfowl hunting days

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Active duty military and military veterans will have two extra days to pursue waterfowl in Alabama this season under new federal guidelines. Those military personnel and veterans will be able to hunt waterfowl on Nov. 23, 2019, and Feb. 8, 2020, the same dates as the Alabama Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts.

Military active duty and veterans must have proof of service and all applicable licenses and stamps to participate.

The new federal guidelines also allow states to end their waterfowl seasons on Jan. 31 instead of the last Sunday of January. Alabama has taken advantage of this change and has set waterfowl seasons for Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2019, and Dec. 6, 2019, through Jan. 31, 2020.

"Some years, it'll add six days at the end," said Seth Maddox, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Migratory Bird Coordinator. "It's a good management tool at our disposal. The only difference is the season may end during the middle of the week instead of Sunday. For the upcoming season, it ends on a Friday."

No matter what day the season ends, Maddox just hopes we don't have a repeat of last year's season, which was mainly a bust for the whole southeastern U.S.

"It was a rough season, not only in Alabama but in most states," Maddox said. "It was a mild winter with very little snow and ice cover in the Midwest. Most of those storm fronts that came through that normally bring ice and snow brought rain. That put a lot of water and flooding on the landscape. In turn, that spread the ducks out. It opened up a lot of available habitat for the ducks to utilize."

"It was tough hunting because the birds were never concentrated anywhere. I'd say that was true from Illinois south. Most states in the South had tough seasons."

Maddox said conditions for the 2019-2020 season appear to be favorable right now in terms of habitat.

"So far this year, we had rain that continued into the spring and early summer, so the vegetation looks pretty good," he said. "From late summer through early fall, most of Alabama has been in drought conditions. Parts of west Alabama have had decent rainfall. We're probably



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**The northern pintail is being studied to try to determine the cause of the species' declining numbers.**

looking at some dry conditions, at least early in the season. But the rain has picked up the last couple of weeks, and I feel pretty good about having a decent amount of water for the opening day after Thanksgiving."

Until recently, mild conditions continued before the latest cold front plunged temperatures well below freezing in most of the state.

"We seem to be in an almost weekly pattern where a front will come through, and it will get cold," Maddox said. "Then it will warm back up. It's a cyclical weather pattern we sometimes see throughout the season."

"Right now, it's looking good with the cold fronts pushing some birds in. We're seeing some birds show up, so I think we'll have a decent opener."

The news from the annual waterfowl survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is both concerning and encouraging.

The overall number of ducks was estimated at 39 million birds, which is down about 6 percent from last year's numbers.

"We've been on a slight downward trend over the last few years, but we're still 10 percent above the long-term average," Maddox said. "For most duck species, the numbers are looking good. They're well above their long-term averages. But a couple of species are not doing as well. Northern pintail and scaup (bluebills) are below their long-term averages and they continue to decline. So, there's a lot of research on those two species to see what's causing the declines."

"But other species have taken advantage of these situations, like the gadwall, which is one of our bread-and-butter ducks. The gadwall numbers are 61 percent above the long-term average, and their numbers continue to grow. Green-winged teal are doing

well also. Other species are filling that void left by the lack of pintails and scaup."

Most successful hunters in Alabama will likely have gadwalls in their bag at the end of the hunt.

"Gadwalls are fun ducks to hunt," Maddox said. "They respond to calling really well. People are pretty happy shooting gadwalls, and they taste good."

The bellwether bird for most duck hunters and managers is the mallard. The male's unmistakable green head makes it the most recognized duck on the landscape.

Maddox said the mallard count came in at about 9.5 million birds during the breeding survey, which is 2 percent above last year's numbers and 19 percent above the long-term average.

"The mallard is a big, hardy duck," he said. "They're the last ones to arrive. It takes really cold weather to push them down into our area. They can survive and thrive in areas of cold with snow cover. We need that cold weather to push mallards our way."

Some duck hunters have suggested a shift in duck migration patterns for a variety of reasons, but Maddox points to one main factor in either the abundance or dearth of ducks.

"Most of it is tied with the weather," he said. "As I say every year, we are very weather dependent. We're seeing the warming trends, and fewer ducks are migrating south. There is some ancillary data that ducks aren't making it as far south as they once did. If this trend continues, we're likely to see fewer ducks in the Deep South. It is a concern for us and most waterfowl managers in the South. We'll still see birds. We may not see as many birds as in the colder times."

The bag limit of six ducks remains the same as last season's with no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which



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**Alabama will hold its first sandhill crane hunts since 1916 this season in the northern half of the state.**

may be female), 3 wood ducks, 1 mottled duck, 2 black duck, 2 redhead, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback and 3 scaup. The bag limit on mergansers is 5 per day, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers.

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Alabama will also have its first sandhill crane hunt in 103 years. For the first hunt since 1916, 400 hunters were selected by random drawing in September. Those selected were required to pass a test and accept the hunt. Once that was completed, WFF mailed the hunters the sandhill crane hunting permit and three tags each.

The sandhill crane season has two segments. The first segment runs from Dec. 3 to Jan. 5, 2020. The second segment is from Jan. 16-31, 2020.

"We had 591 people apply for the permits, which is a few less than I would have thought," Maddox said. "So, you had a good chance of getting drawn this year if you applied. I think



PHOTO BY JAY GUNN

**Alabama's successful waterfowl hunters will likely have gadwalls in their daily limit this season.**

people may have been hesitant to apply this year because they didn't have any spots or didn't know any spots to hunt.

"Unless you went to one of the other states that allow sandhill hunting, you have no experience hunting them. It will be interesting to see how our hunters do this year. Once our hunters get the hang of it, I think we'll have more people apply."

Maddox said he will be happy with "average" waterfowl hunting for the 2019-2020 season.

"We've been through some extremes the last few years," he said. "We had a really good season in 2017-18 and then last year was pretty tough. Hopefully, we'll have one closer to normal. If we get some cold weather early in January, we should have a good season."



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# Spanish Fort advances to third round to host Park Crossing

Third time was the charm for the Spanish Fort Toros (7-4; 5-3 in region play) as last Friday as they took on the Wetumpka Indians in the second round of the playoffs. The Toros have been eliminated by the Indians in the third round in each of the last two seasons. But last Friday, the



**MICHAEL HANICH**  
Sports Analysis

Toros got their revenge by dismantling the Indians in the run game with a 63-21 victory to get them in the third round of the playoffs for the 12th year in a row. Spanish Fort's run game in the RPO (run-pass-option) system was the key weakness for the Indians defense. The Toros accounted

for 548 total yards on offense with 523 of them coming from the rushing game. RPO quarterback Kris Abrams-Draine rushed for 258 yards and four touchdowns on 16 carries for an average of 16.1 yards per carry. There was only one pass play, a 25-yard touchdown pass from Abrams-Draine to wide receiver Travis McGowan. The Toros will now take on the surprise

team of the playoffs so far in the Park Crossing Thunderbirds (5-7, 3-2 in region play). The Thunderbirds entered the playoffs with an underwhelming 3-7 overall record, but their region wins including over Dothan gave them the boost. The Thunderbirds verified their worth in the playoffs as they shocked the Saraland Spartans (10-1) in the first round and Stanhope Elmore Mustangs

(9-3). The Thunderbirds come into this game averaging 26.1 points per game with a balanced style of offense and a dual-threat quarterback as well as dynamic running backs. This game will be huge for the Toros' front seven to shut down running lanes and holes created by the offensive line. The Toros don't have to change their offensive philosophy in their run

system. The Toros average 31.5 points per game mostly based on their run game. The Toros have scored 91 total playoff points in their wins over Dothan and Wetumpka. These are the third-most points scored by SFHS in the first two rounds in program history. Their top-offensive performance in the first two rounds was in 2013 when Spanish Fort won the state championship.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCORES

### GIRLS

#### FOLEY 70, ROBERTSDALE 18

Foley (2-1) had four players in double-digits in the Lady Lions' 70-18 win over Robertsdale. MG Lymon paced the Lady Lions with 14 points. Kaitlyn Knight scored 13, Taye Johnson scored 12, and Jakiya Jackson added 11 points.

#### DAPHNE 49, FOLEY 47

In one of the most competitive games of the season so far, the Lady Trojans held off the visiting Lady Lions 49-47. Foley (2-1) led 22-20 at the half and the score was tied 33-33 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Trojans also gave new head coach Kimyatta Perry a victory in her home-court debut at Jubilee Gym. Jasmine Rogers led the Trojans with 13 points, Tiana Smith added 10, Zoey Bemby had eight and Elizabeth Kell added seven. Foley was led by MG Lymon who scored 13, Jakiya Jackson added 10, Kaitlyn Knight eight and Taye Johnson seven. DHS was 7-of-10 at the foul line. FHS was 11-of-16.

### BOYS

#### DAPHNE 80, FOLEY 37

Tereance Edwards-Fleming led the Trojans with 14 points in an 80-32, early-season home win over the Lions on Nov. 14. Colby McAllister and Midnight Steward added 10 each while Colby Daniel and Davanty Sharpe had eight points each. The Lions were led by Andy Quaite's eight points and Kaleb Wamble's five. At the line, FHS was 6-of-11 and DHS went 9-for-10.

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Foley's Jakiya Jackson goes baseline for the Lions at DHS.



Jasmine Rogers drives for Daphne as Kaitlyn Knight defends for Foley.

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Daphne's Travis Crum takes a shot inside for DHS with Trey Eckhoff (31) defending.

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# Ward named United States Sports Academy Student of the Month

Sports-Science major eyes physical education career after earning degree

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DAAPHNE — Studying sports management at the United States Sports Academy runs in the blood for Student of the Month Carmen Ward.

Ward, of Pace, Fla., is pursuing her Bachelor of Sports Science degree in sports management from the Academy. Her brother, Allen Ward, also earned his bachelor's degree from

the institution in 2015.

"I studied somewhere else when I graduated from high school, but I always knew I wanted to do something in sports for my career," Ward said. "I knew that my brother had a really good experience studying at the Academy, and of course he encouraged me to try it out. My experience has been wonderful so far."

Ward works as a paraprofessional at S.S. Dixon Intermediate School in her hometown of Pace, Fla. There, she

serves as a teaching assistant in the physical education department.

"Nothing I study at the Academy is 'dry.' Everything has been interesting and so many things I've studied in my classes, I've been able to use in my work," she said. "All of my professors have been very helpful and attentive. In my previous college experience, the professors were very impersonal and it was hard to really reach them when I needed help. That's not the case

at the Academy, at all.

"The Academy has also been great for me because I work during the day, so being able to take classes when I get home in the evenings has been very helpful. The Academy is perfect for someone like me who works full time and wants to get their degree."

A former softball and basketball player at Pace High School, Ward hopes to become a full time elementary school physical education teacher once she



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finishes her degree.

"I've always been a sport fan and I absolutely love what I do right now," she said. "I'm excited about being able to have a career doing something I love."

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## Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2020

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MONTGOMERY — Twelve major contributors to prep athletics in Alabama have been selected for induction into the 30th class of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame. The 2019 class, which includes an "old-timer," will be enshrined at a banquet held at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Spa Convention Center March 16, 2020.

Selected were football coaches Carrol Cox, Steve Mask and Fred Yancey; basketball coaches Tommy Lewis and Yvonne Simmons; track coaches Aaron Goode and Keith Wilmon; wrestling coach Joseph Dasaro; soccer coach Rick Grammar; wrestling official Toney Pugh, who was also an

outstanding wrestling coach and football coach; administrator Luke Hallmark and coach/administrator Samuel 'Hamp' Lyon, who chosen in the old timer category.

Sponsors of the Hall of Fame program are the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA) and the AHSAA. The corporate partners include Alabama Power, ALFA, Cadence Bank, Coca-Cola, Encore Rehabilitation, Future Ones, Jack's, TeamIP and Wilson Sporting Goods.

The first class was inducted in 1991. These 12 in the Class of 2020 will run the total inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame to 365.

A profile of each selectee:

### CARROL COX

A 1968 Jackson High School graduate and member of Samford University's 1971 National Championship team, Cox coached from 1973 to 2000 at Jess Lanier High School in Bessemer — serving as head football coach and athletic director the final 21 years compiling a 162-77-2 overall record with the Purple Tigers.

His teams reached the state playoffs 14 times, including two trips to the state finals. His 1990 team was 12-3 and won

the Class 6A state championship beating Murphy 22-0 at Legion Field. His teams had just two losing seasons but made the playoffs one of those years. After retiring in Alabama, he continued teaching and coaching in Georgia.

Cox, an old-school coach who had some of the top rushing teams in AHSAA history thanks to his tenacious wishbone offensive scheme, is the winningest head football coach in Bessemer school history. He coached in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic in 1990, has been a clinician at football coaching clinics across the Southeast and sent a large number of his players to Division I and Division II college programs during his coaching tenure.

### JOSEPH DASARO

The 1973 Grissom High School graduate, 65, completed his degree at Auburn University in 1978. He then became a wrestling coach and teacher at Redbud High School in Calhoun (GA) for two years — leading his team to the Class 1A state championship.

Dasaro then moved back to his hometown of Huntsville where began a teaching and coaching career at his alma mater Grissom. He served as assistant wrestling coach from 1980-83 and became head coach in 1984 — a position he has held ever since.

He has been one of the state's premier wrestling coaches — leading the Tigers to seven state championships (1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 20012. His team won four state titles in a row at one stretch. His over-

all dual meet record was 804-149 through the 2017-18 season. Fifty-nine of his players have won individual state titles with two, Robby MacArthur and Josh Hall, earning positions on Olympic teams.

He has been selected Who's Who among American Teachers (1998), was inducted into the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame (2008) and has been named Huntsville City Schools Coach of the Year eight times — his first year in 1984 and his most recent in 2018. He was named USA Wrestling Man of the Year (1997) and received NFHS State Coach of the Year Award twice (1998 and 2000).

Dasaro, who is very active in numerous community projects, received a special Huntsville City Schools Resolution Recognition for his heroic devotion and disregard for personal safety when he evacuated a number of children during a fire at Stone Middle School in 1983. Also among his numerous awards received was the White House Golden Rule Award from President Bill Clinton in 1996.

### AARON GOODE

Goode, 66, graduated from Hazelwood High School as its salutatorian in 1971 where he was an outstanding football and track athlete — helping the Bears win the school's first state football title as a senior in 1970. He was an outstanding two-sport athlete in college at Alabama State University.

He began long tenure as high school teacher and coach at his alma mater, serving in numerous capacities

including becoming a football and track coach. He helped the small Lawrence County School in Town Creek win 11 state football crowns before the school merged with Courtland in 2009 to form R.A. Hubbard High School. He laid the groundwork for Hazelwood's track program that also won 13 boys' outdoor state championships and 13 girls' state titles. His hurdlers dominated the track scene.

The Goode family, which included his nephews Clyde, Chris, Kerry, Pierre, Clyde III, and Antonio Langham, not only excelled in high school but at the college and NFL level. His brother Clyde also served on the AHSAA Central Board of Control.

Goode, an assistant coach in various sports much of his career, was head football coach at Hazelwood from 2003-08 compiling a 48-23 record. He then led the merger with Courtland into R.A. Hubbard in 2000 leading the Chiefs to an 11-3 record and the state semifinals in 2009. Goode earned the NFHS Section 3 Track Coach of the year in 2004. He is currently serving as a volunteer track assistant coach at Lawrence County High School in Moulton.

Active in the Town Creek community, he is a member of First Baptist Church and has served as a city councilman. Dedicated to the sport of track, he served on the USA Track and Field Board of Directors from 1988-2004 with a stint as president from 1995-2000.

*See full story at gulfcoastnewstoday.com*

# Daphne City Council preparing strategic plan

By GUY BUSBY  
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DAPHNE — While Daphne has made progress in many areas, the city does not have formal strategic plan adopted after several years of effort, City Council members said.

The council will discuss the status of the plan at its upcoming work session in Decem-

ber. At the Nov. 12 meeting, council members said the city has accomplished many goals proposed for the plan but needs to complete the process with a finished document.

City Councilman Ron Scott said Daphne has been working on a plan for seven years.

“We have been highly criticized in at least two election cycles that

I know of because we don’t have a strategic plan and we’re acting and reacting as opposed to proacting,” Scott said.

City officials have completed work on some aspects of the plan, including a vision statement, mission statement and studies on secure communities, a strong and diverse economy and well-managed cities.

“We have really, from a practical standpoint, attacked a lot of them,” Scott said. “From recreation standpoint, we’ve invested \$20 million of recreation. From education standpoint, we’ve not committed to funding a part-time employee in all five of our schools. We’re continuing to support SEEDS and their classroom grant program.”

Council President Robin LeJeune said school safety is another major area where plans have moved forward.

“The biggest benefit we’ve done I think is the school resource officers has probably been the most impactful,” LeJeune said.

Work has started to prepare reports on transportation and infrastructure.

The council still needs to prepare plans on education and sustaining a thriving and livable community.

“I think this is something we can do,” Councilwoman Angie Phillips said. “We can knock this out.”

LeJeune said the council will discuss the strategic plan at its next work session in December.

## Fairhope replacing cold-damaged plants

By GUY BUSBY  
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FAIRHOPE — An early cold snap damaged many of the ornamental plants and flowers in downtown Fairhope, but city workers are replacing the items with hardier winter vegetation, officials said.

“As you may be aware, we actually had a little cold snap last night,” Richard Johnson, public works director, told City Council members Nov. 13. “About eight hours below freezing. Even

though we try to take protective measures and protect as many of the flowerbeds as we could, we had pretty much a total loss of our fall flowers.”

Johnson said the plants will be replaced in phases.

“Normally our changeout for winter flowers starts the first week of December. We’re going to clean up the losses in the beds,” he said. “The good news is our bordering plants are great. They’re ready to go. Our in-fill plants that bloom are very healthy and ready to

go, they just haven’t started blooming yet. The plan was that by the time we stuck them in the ground the first of December, they’d have their blooms.”

Johnson said the poinsettias will go in around the beginning of December when their leaves turn holiday colors.

“Poinsettias have to be kept in the dark for a requisite period of time for their leaves to actually change to the colors or red or gold depending on what variety they are,” he said. “If not, they just stay green, be-

lieve it or not. They’re a tropical plant, so they’re being deprived of light right now, but they’re needing two more week of it, before they’re the colors they need to be.”

The last plantings will be near the location of the lighting of the trees.

“For the lighting of the trees, all the plants in that location get stomped flat, so we’re going to leave those locations until after the lighting of the trees rather than put brand-new plants that could be damaged by pedestrians enjoying the event,” Johnson said.



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Bare dirt marks flower beds on Section Avenue in Fairhope after downtown plants were damaged by the early cold. City crews are working to replace the plants with winter flowers.

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# Prodisee Pantry, The Fairhope Store food campaign set

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FAIRHOPE — Hunger is an invisible issue in many communities, but for thousands of Baldwin families, it is a harsh reality that local volunteers will be working to assist during the holiday season.

Prodisee Pantry and The Fairhope Store will partner again this holiday season in the “One Family One Day” campaign to feed families in need. More than 1,500 families in Fairhope alone depend on Prodisee Pantry for emer-

gency food and hope.

“Our volunteers provide fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, milk, cheese and staple grocery items to the 14,000 Baldwin County families who will visit Prodisee Pantry this year. For just \$20, we can feed a family of four for a week,” Executive Director Deann Servos said. “While canned food drives and other projects are awesome, we can stretch dollars so much further. A grocery cart that would cost you \$250 we can provide for

one fifth the cost.”

One Family One Day encourages a donation of at least five dollars, which is enough to feed one family of four for one day. Diners and shoppers at participating restaurants and merchants may add five dollars to their restaurant tab or bill as a direct donation to Prodisee Pantry.

“This is a simple concept supporting Prodisee Pantry, a treasure in this community,” Lisette Normann of The Fairhope Store said. “It’s stunning how

many families are depending on them every week to put any food on the table. And these are our neighbors.”

Prodisee Pantry is non-profit community ministry providing food and disaster relief for 14,000 families a year throughout Baldwin County. Since its founding in 2003, more than 148,00 families or 356,000 individuals have depended on Prodisee Pantry as a weekly “hub” for food and more at its facility on US 31 in Spanish Fort.

“We are helping

single parents, the unemployed or underemployed, families in transition, homeless, retirees or grandparents raising grandchildren,” Servos said. “It can be the loss of one paycheck, or unexpected medical expenses that can create a crisis.”

“What impresses me is Prodisee Pantry isn’t about groceries for life,” Normann said. “They understand if a family needs groceries, there’s more going on. They bring together other social services

every Tuesday along with employers. It’s a hub to help them get back on their feet.”

The One Family One Day campaign will run through the end of December across Baldwin County. Panini Pete’s, Sunset Grill and Ed’s Seafood Shed kick off the restaurant partnerships in Fairhope. More locations are being added. Additional restaurants and merchants will be posted to The Fairhope Store and Prodisee Pantry social media throughout the month.

# St. Francis at Point Fall Festival Saturday

Submitted

Members of the Anglican Women’s Guild of St. Francis at the Point dis-

play some of the items to be sold at their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 23. The festival will be at the church

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include homemade cakes, pies and baked goods, Preisters pecans and pies,

homemade jams, pickles, cranberry sauce, craft items and a Wine-Pull. The rummage sale and ‘Treasures Table’ will fill out space in the church’s new addition. The silent auction has gift certificates from many shops and restaurants. Auction items include an Orange Beach condo vacation rental and a donation of a framed sunset photo from “Head-Over-Wheels” photography. In addition, Vendors will be offering quality items of jewelry, art work, ‘event’ hats, and the local honey



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source is returning. The festival will again include the Christmas section with decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces and gift items. The men of the church

will be offer hamburgers and Elberta sausages from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone wanting more information can call the church office at 251- 928-1255.


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“I think if you have a public hearing and you’re going to have people from both sides and

they can hear the safety concerns that we hear every month about near misses and it’s not that long an area from school to school,” he said.

Under the proposal, the speed limit would be

25 miles an hour from a location near W.J. Carroll Elementary School in the south to Daphne Elementary School in the north, a distance of about 1.5 miles.

Residents have addressed earlier meetings of the Daphne City Council about downtown. In September, one woman told council members that her elementary school age son was almost hit by a car while crossing a street on his way to school. Scott said a study by Architects Southwest recommended that Daphne reduce the speed limit on Main Street as one way to deal with traffic problems.

Councilwoman Angie Phillips said the proposal has been discussed several times by the Public Safety Committee.

“In our meeting minutes, Public Safety Committee meeting last month, when I asked what we need to do to make that happen,” she said. “The mayor said we need to be go back to the ordinance committee. Councilman Scott said we needed to have a public hearing.”

Council President Robin LeJeune said the council will schedule a public discussion on the speed limit proposal in December.

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## Elf on Shelf campaign encourages local shopping

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**FAIRHOPE** — The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is supporting the shop local movement with a bit of Christmas magic.

This holiday shopping season, the “Eastern Shore Elf” will be at a different Eastern Shore retailer each day, offer-

ing customers holiday cheer, some great deals and chances to win prizes.

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce will use the Eastern Shore Elf to feature a different local retailer each day on its social media sites. Stores are offering discounts and promotions while he’s there.

“It’s going to be exciting to see where he shows up each day and just like with the ‘Elf on the Shelf’ holiday tradition, I wouldn’t be surprised if he gets into a little mischief,” said Eastern Shore Chamber President Casey Williams.

Each day between Black Friday and De-

cember 23, the Eastern Shore Elf will be giving away a prize on the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. The page will also list where the promotion will be the next morning. Shoppers who post a picture of the elf in the comment section of that day’s post will receive an additional chance to

win. Participants can also look for the hashtag #EasternShoreElf.

“This is a fun way to get shoppers engaged with our local stores and we hope they’ll find a new favorite place to shop. It gives us an opportunity to truly highlight each of these

locations and all the great gift ideas available locally,” said Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Communications Director Denise Curtis.

Anyone wanting more information about the Eastern Shore Elf, can call the chamber office at 251-928-6387.

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the council and Mayor Karin Wilson.

“What a special place we live in,” Conyers said. “We’re really fortunate to be here. I think what’s great about Fairhope is that we have respect for the old and traditions, but we also embrace the new. It’s always been a special place and I appreciate everyone coming in period costume today to help us celebrate and I just want to say thank you so much for the City Council and Mayor Wilson.”

He said 2019 is a special year for historic anniversaries with both Fairhope’s 125th and Alabama’s 200th taking place this year.

“I think Fairhope was an amazing, special place 125 years ago,” he said. “It certainly is today. I feel fortunate to be a part of this community and I think a lot of people do.”

Local writer Bob Glennon took part in costume portraying



**Fairhope Museum Director Alan Samry, in period dress from the 1890s, addresses the crowd at the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city.**

Dr. Clarence Merchon, Fairhope’s first physician. In character as the doctor, he described early years making house calls before phone service was established — allowing calls all the way from Point Clear to Montrose — and opening the Fairhope Pharmacy, which is still in business.

“It’s just a great place to be,” he said after his talk. “People came together to form a utopian tax experiment. That’s part of the beauty of this place, it’s just so different.”

When many of those people set out from around the country to create Fairhope, they had never met before, Samry said. They wore red ribbons on the trains to recognize each other. On Friday, many anniversary participants also wore red ribbons.

“I see a lot of red ribbons here and that is fantastic, just fantastic



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**Bob Glennon, portraying Dr. Clarence Merchon, Fairhope’s first physician, talks about episodes from the community’s early history during the celebration of the city’s 125th anniversary Friday.**

because the folks that came here didn’t know who each other were so they came by train and they met at Union Station in St. Louis. They had come from the east. They had come from the west. Our founder, of course, came from Des Moines, Iowa, E.B. Gaston. Some people came from the west coast and Minnesota as well, but

they didn’t know each other.”

More than a century later, the community is still drawing new people. Fairhope is the fastest growing city in Alabama, according to

Census reports.

“This is a true celebration. Whether you’ve been here all your life, or you moved here yesterday, you’re part of Fairhope history,” Samry said.

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## Spanish Fort High teacher of year

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Art teacher Angie Phillips was named Spanish Fort High School Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 academic year. A graduate of the University of South Alabama, she has been teaching since 2016.



Phillips

# Bayside Academy Shrimp Festival winners

### Submitted

DAPHNE — Bayside Academy art students won several awards at the 48th-annual Shrimp Festival Youth for Art Show

Juniors Hannah Wieland and Pace McLendon, along with 8th grader Gatlin Pitts won prizes for their entries in the competition.

The exhibition is open to all Baldwin County schools, and over 250,000 people attended the annual festival where the student art is showcased.

Hannah Wieland won Best of Show. Pace McLendon won second place for high school, and Gatlin Pitts placed 2nd in the middle school category. All of the students were presented a check by officials from the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber. Bayside's Visual Arts Department also received a check for winning Best of Show.

*Bayside Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students in grades PK-12.*



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Recognizing Bayside Academy winners in the 48th-annual National Shrimp Festival Youth Art Show are, from left, Lee Kramer, National Shrimp Festival Fine Arts co-chairman; Vikki Finch, Bayside Fine Arts Department chair; Bayside junior Hannah Wieland, Best of Show winner; Carrie Jackson, Bayside Upper School Art Teacher; Bayside junior Pace McLendon; Bayside eighth grader Gatlin Pitts; Ron Arnold, National Shrimp Festival Fine Arts co-chairman; and Kristy Johnson-Snell, Bayside Upper School photography teacher.

# Fairhope Public Library honors first librarian, history for 125th event

### Submitted

FAIRHOPE — The Fairhope Public Library honored its first librarian, Marie Howland, this month with the unveiling of a bust of her created by artist Fran Neumann.

The unveiling on Nov. 8 and was part of the city's 125th anniversary. The bust is now on display in the main lobby of the library.

Neumann's art was brought to life by Corey Swindle and the Fairhope Foundry, who cast and bronzed the bust. The pedestal for the bust is a gift from the Friends of the Fairhope Library and was made by Phillip Strniste and Dug Frederick. Neumann is a well-known local artist who has contributed other public artworks such as the Marietta Johnson Memorial on S. Mobile Street, which honors the progressive teacher



who started the Organic School.

In her remarks about creating the piece, Neumann said that the project was originally a commissioned painting of Howland. The commissioner of the piece backed out of the project, but Neumann still felt compelled to continue the piece honoring the historic figure. After reaching out the library, it was decided that Howland's bust would be installed in the place whose very history is a result of Howland's

efforts in the early days of Fairhope.

Howland was not a native of Fairhope but came to the Single Tax Colony at the invitation of E.B. Gaston, one of the colony's founders. Before coming to Fairhope, Howland had traveled the world, been a published author, and lost her husband Edward to illness. She had been a part of several cooperatives and utopia-like communities, all of which were not a long-term fit. It was not until 1899 when she moved



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to Fairhope that she found a community that suited her ideals and she gained a fresh start.

Howland brought with her 1,600 books that had been collected while travelling abroad with her late husband and settled into a spot known as "The Pines." She soon turned her home into the first library in Fairhope, inviting citizens to come enjoy the collection. Howland had an unusual shelving system, sorting all the books by size, which



meant she was the person who would get the books for each patron. Howland died in 1921 and her funeral service was held in the library that was then located on Summit Street.

More information

about Howland is available at the display in the Fairhope Public Library near the stairs. Also on display is information on the library's history. Guided library tours are also available by request from the reference desk.

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## North Baldwin Infirmary announces Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 5

North Baldwin Infirmary (NBI) welcomes the public to their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 5 – 7 p.m. Located on the hospital campus, this free, family-friendly event will feature children's crafts, food vendors,

local choirs and Santa photos. Santa will be available for photos with children who have special needs at 4:30 p.m. The event will culminate at 6:45 p.m. with a tree lighting. For event updates and more information, find North Baldwin Infirmary on

Facebook.

North Baldwin Infirmary, located in Bay Minette, provides Baldwin County with the compassionate care expected from a community hospital. The 78-bed hospital is a BABY-FRIENDLY™ and Bama Better Babies award

winning facility. This means the North Baldwin Infirmary's birth center meets the highest standards for maternity care and infant feeding. The North Baldwin Infirmary birth center is one of only seven hospitals in Alabama with the BABY-FRIENDLY™

designation and the only hospital in both Mobile and Baldwin Counties with this distinction.

North Baldwin Infirmary's Senior Behavioral Health Program offers in-patient help to those suffering from emotional or mental

issues and long-term care at Oakwood - North Baldwin's Center for Living. Oakwood is a 75-bed long-term nursing facility located directly on campus. The modern campus also includes a state-of-the-art fitness center and surgical suites.

## Alabama parents and guardians: Showcase your child's smile in the 'Share Your Smile With Alabama' Photo Contest

To celebrate Children's Dental Health Month, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Oral Health Office announces the third annual "Share Your Smile with Alabama" statewide photo contest. Two third grade students, one girl and one boy, will be selected from photo submissions as the overall winners of the campaign.

The pair of third graders will be spotlighted in ADPH marketing campaigns to promote children's oral health throughout the state and will be featured in a news conference in

February, Children's Dental Health Month. This month promotes the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and many others.

This contest is open to children living in Alabama who are either enrolled and attending third grade, or 8 to 10 years of age being homeschooled. The official rules of the photo contest and an application form can be viewed at <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth/index.html>. Submissions must be made by a parent or legal guardian, and en-

tries must be submitted by Nov. 30. There is no entry fee.

State Dental Health Director Dr. Tommy Johnson said, "Educating children about brushing and flossing, and the need for regular dental visits helps them keep healthy smiles. We are sponsoring this annual contest to bring attention to children's oral health care and to remind everyone that dental decay is preventable."

The ADPH Oral Health Office is dedicated to preventing dental disease for Alabama's citizens by pro-

moting and developing quality, cost-effective community and school-

based preventive, educational and early treatment programs

which emphasize elimination of oral health disparities.

### HEALTH HAPPENINGS IN BALDWIN COUNTY

#### 11th annual Celebrate Hope

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For sponsorship information, contact Casey Hitson at 251-460-6209 or [caseyhitson@southalabama.edu](mailto:caseyhitson@southalabama.edu).

\*Sponsors of \$1,000 can attend intimate tasting at 5:30 p.m. with James Beard Award winner Chef Chris Hastings. Gala supports cancer research at USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute. Presenting sponsor is USA Foundation.

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# As Medicare Open Enrollment begins AARP Alabama issues scam warning

## AARP Alabama warns about scams targeting Medicare beneficiaries and offers tips for protection

MONTGOMERY — Medicare scams are a year-round concern, but the coming weeks warrant special vigilance. Medicare open enrollment runs through Dec. 7 — during these weeks Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their health plan and prescription coverage. As people are looking for good deals, they should also keep an eye out for scammers since this time frame is a prime target for fraud.

Imposter scams are expected to rise during this season with scammers posing as Medicare employees calling and emailing seniors offering free gifts or limited time offers. These scams are all designed to cap-

ture Medicare numbers so the crooks can charge Medicare for services the person didn't receive.

"Fraudsters are smart. They use official sounding names to fool us when they call," shares Evey Owen, Interim Associate State Director of Communications for AARP Alabama. "That's why it's important to stay vigilant and remember that no legitimate Medicare employee will call and ask you for your Medicare or bank account numbers. Vigilance is our number one weapon,"

Another common ploy is the refund rip-off — where a scammer tells the individual that they

are entitled to a refund for last year's Medicare premiums. All the individual needs to do is verify their identity and bank account number when in fact it's just another ploy to get their account information.

Whatever the come-on, provide no personal information and follow these simple steps to protect yourself from Open Enrollment scams:

- Hang up immediately if you get an unsolicited call from someone who claims to be from Medicare and asks for personal information. Medicare employees will never call you without being invited to do so by you.
- Never share your Medicare or Social

Security number with anyone other than your trusted providers, doctors, or pharmacists.

- Review your Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) when they arrive. Look for services, procedures or devices you don't recognize - if you see something on the statement that doesn't look right, report it to Medicare's toll-free number 800-633-4227.
- Report all scam calls to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or your state attorney general's office.

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AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free Watchdog Alerts at [aarp.org/FraudWatchNetwork](http://aarp.org/FraudWatchNetwork) or call our toll-free fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.

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## Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama updates Opioid Management Strategy to help battle opioid epidemic in Alabama

### Submitted

In a continued effort to help battle the opioid epidemic, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is updating its opioid management strategy, effective Jan. 1, 2020, for its commercial members. This further promotes our members' care and safety.

Since 2015, opioid prescriptions in the U.S. and in Alabama have declined. Despite this decline, the age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths increased significantly in Alabama by 11.1 percent from 2016 (16.2 per 100,000) to 2017 (18.0 per 100,000). While progress is being made, this issue calls for continued action by all parties.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, the following changes to Blue Cross' Opioid Man-

agement Strategy for commercial members will be implemented:

- Members with cancer diagnoses or who are in palliative care will be exempt from the program requirements.
- As a safety precaution, members will be required to attain additional prescriber justification for continued coverage of opioids if they exceed a defined opioid dose threshold for a 180-day period. The defined dose threshold will be 300 morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs).
- If a member visits their pharmacy for a prescription refill of their opioid medication, and the member exceeds the 300 MME dose threshold, the member's prescribing

physician will need to submit a prior authorization before coverage is granted.

- Prescribing physicians are being notified of patients under their care who may be affected by this change in order to allow for continuity of care.

The well-being of our members remains our top priority. Higher doses of opioids are associated with higher risk of overdose and death. Implementing an opioid dose safety program, combined with our other strategies to improve access to medication used to treat substance abuse and drug overdoses, will add to continuing efforts to help fight the growing opioid epidemic in Alabama.

Blue Cross always encourages its members to consult their doctors about any treatments or prescription drugs they may need, and the company relies on physicians' expertise to know what is best for their patients. Blue Cross will continue to develop and adopt actionable policies and procedures that promote safe prescribing of opioid medication and appropriate access to treatment for opioid use disorder. In addition, we will continue to collaborate with Alabama physicians and pharmacists to help curb the growing epidemic of opioid misuse by offering support, resources, and educational tools to network providers. This, combined with our strategies to improve access to medications used to treat substance abuse and drug overdoses, demonstrate our commitment to the health of our membership and Alabamians.

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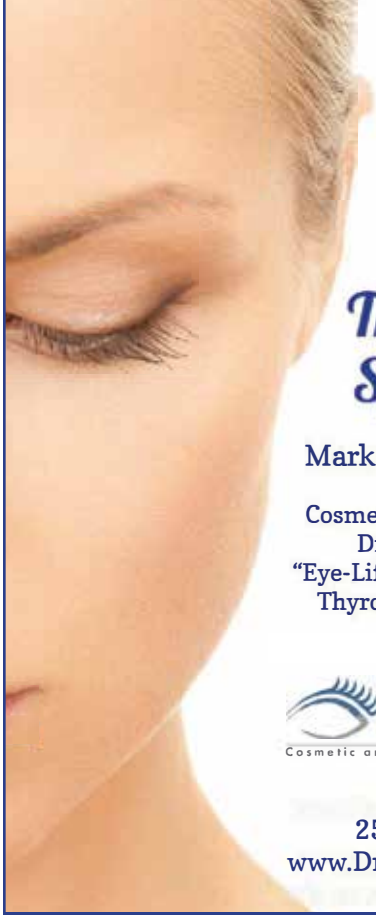
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# Opinion

## Orange Beach is not prepared for an active shooter

By RAUF BOLDEN

Orange Beach is not prepared for an active shooter, having dedicated minimal resources to this possibility. Granted the odds are long that a lone shooter takes aim from high on the Beach Road, but when your bread is buttered by keeping tourist families safe in their vacation rentals, doubling down on being frugal may not be the best roll of the dice.

An A.S.H.E.R. Event (Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response) is an incident where an individual (shooter or bomber) is looking for a high body count. Orange Beach needs a stellar plan that is rehearsed several times each year across multiple agencies (City, County, State and Federal), requiring First Responders to go into battlefield mode, perfecting a proven strategy.

Residents should be able to download the City's Comprehensive Preparedness Guide

from the web site, outlining the city's plan for constituent families. Telling them to always be aware of their surroundings, protecting themselves, and using concealment from the enemy.

Let's start with the one basic problem. How many casualties can our ambulances carry simultaneously to the hospital in Foley? Two at a time, according to sources at the Fire Department.

In a mass-casualty event we need more capacity. This does not mean more ambulances, simply having a plan where we have enough blankets, litters, tourniquets, chest seal bandages and minimal equipment for transporting victims in designated city trucks (12) is needed. Training drivers where the resources are, and who will be responsible for handing them out, collecting the resources when returned, and getting the equipment serviced for

post-event storage.

Communication is critical. We must migrate Fire Dispatch to Orange Beach, consolidating our command infrastructure. Both departments must be on the same page. For example, a call to Robertsdale 911 may send First Responders to Sea Breeze when the actual incident is at Sea Chase. Robertsdale cannot know the area as well as our local dispatch.

The successful response to an active-shooter scenario hangs on effective communication, keeping all agencies on the same frequency, said Roy Glover (rglover@alabamafirecollege.org), Program Manager of the Alabama Fire College, and Instructor for the Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (A.S.H.E.R.) course.

The key issue is funding, ensuring significant resources are allocated each year, allowing Fire and Police to train together, paying them

overtime wages if necessary. In a devastating event like a car bomb at Mullet Toss, training with Gulf Shores, Foley, the County and the State will make the command structure for a mass-casualty event very clear, because Orange Beach has trained with these agencies, familiarizing them with our frequencies, gaining their confidence in our ability to lead.

Inter-Agency Training provides procedural and communications standardization across the affected area with representation from PD, FD, FEMA, DOJ, DOD, and FBI.

I strongly argue for spending the money, ensuring Orange Beach has a clear command structure, respected by other agencies.

Elected Officials on the City Council will argue against spending the money, but this is always the case with resource allocation. Council Members are only doing their jobs, getting

paid to be good stewards of the city's finances. They may not imagine what could be, reasoning more like counter-punchers, responding to events as they happen on the ground.

In a mass-casualty scenario you really cannot afford to go spreadsheet frugal on training and communications, because these monies are well spent, definitely saving lives in an active-shooter situation or car-bombing tragedy (Oklahoma City).

Remember, the whole world will be watching, and Orange Beach's brand will either rise or fall on how well managed a mass-casualty event is perceived by the news media.

Training, training, training is the process Nick Saban uses to great effect. Taking a page out of his book rolls off the tongue, but is difficult to emulate. Getting started, we must budget for a well-funded training-communication package for Active

Shooter/Hostile Event Response (A.S.H.E.R.) teams across myriad agencies (\$1Million).

These same command concepts also apply to hurricanes, because sooner or later Orange Beach will headline Fox News.

Please watch this shortened documentary: Active Shooter, Managing the Mass-Casualty Threat ([https://velvetillusion.com/2015\\_video/2019/active\\_shooter/active\\_shooter.mp4](https://velvetillusion.com/2015_video/2019/active_shooter/active_shooter.mp4)).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resident says Spanish Fort issues persist

The Spanish Fort Mayor should be put on leave until his case is adjudicated.

The tax increase election should be set aside. It is NOT being carried out as it was voted on. Once again the Baldwin County School Superintendent wants to go back on his word, only it is after the fact. Making the

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