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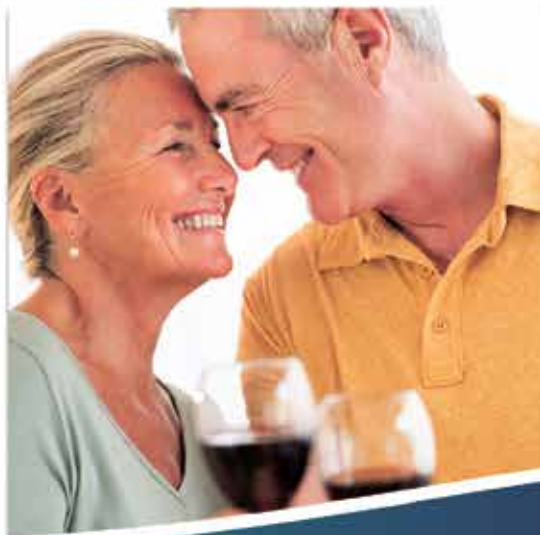


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### ON THE COVER

Minnesotans Nancy and Jeff Pofert are longtime snowbirds who escape icy winters with an annual trek to Gulf Shores, Ala. Although the pandemic has curbed some of their favorite activities, they are enjoying playing golf and spending time at the beach.

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# Welcome!

As February dawns, we usually would be in "Mardi Gras" mode with multiple celebrations, colorful floats and costumes, and merrymakers tossing moon pies and beads. Regretfully, most have been canceled as we combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

But local stores and national chains had already ordered and stocked beads, fun hats, festive masks and plenty of candy. Locals are creating their own celebrations, and where there's a will, there's a way. Some are bringing joy by decorating their golf carts, boats and bicycles. Others are making "YardiGras" at their homes and businesses.

Fun!

In this edition, our cover couple is active in the Alabama Minnesota club. They didn't even consider not coming back this winter; they knew they could manage safety protocols, get out in the sunshine and exercise, play golf and walk the beach. And they still communicate with club members through Zoom.

On the horizon, there are vaccines in the hopper that will help us all get back to our lives. Tune into local and state health officials to find out where and how you can access a vaccine.

In the meantime, continue to practice safe distancing, wear a mask and get plenty of exercise.

Be happy and if you love someone, tell them.  
All the best,  
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# Social distancing from a Minnesota winter

Nancy and Jeff Pofert weren't going to let a pandemic keep them from making their annual trek to their winter home in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Nancy, 65, and Jeff, 68, retired from their jobs and made their dream of leaving the cold, snowy Minnesota winters behind some nine years ago. Nancy worked in accounting and Jeff as an account manager.

The pair were among the youngest in the Minnesota Snowbird Club when they joined in the early years. They have two grown sons (Mike, 35, and Dan, 31) but no grandchildren (yet).

They spend the winter at their four-bedroom rental home located a few blocks back from the beach, located near The Hangout.

Their usual winter club activities are curtailed but they stay busy walking their quiet neighborhood and playing golf at the Gulf Shores Golf Club.

Here's their story:

**Do you have any pets?**  
We have two Westies (Chip, age 13.5) and Princess Leia (5).

**Was it hard to find a pet-friendly rental?** VRBO was our best source, however property changes frequently and we need to look every two years or so.

**How many years have you been coming to the Alabama Gulf Coast?**  
This is our ninth year.

**How long do you stay and do you visit other attractions?**  
We generally are gone by 15th of March. Usually three days of traveling and two nights lodging. Last year took a side trip to New Orleans and went to the World War II Museum.

**When and how did you discover the Minnesota Snowbird Club?**  
Approximately eight years ago by word of mouth at the dog park.

**Did you consider not coming back this winter?**  
We briefly thought about not coming, and seconds later determined we were coming, since we love to be outside golfing and walking, which are COVID / CDC-approved activities. We did have to consider damage to the property we rented since it was severely damaged by



Hurricane Sally. We stayed in touch with the owner who was on top of reconstruction/repairs.

**Tell us a little about the club including activities and involvement.**  
The club usually meets for breakfast weekly and connects people to play cards, volunteer, etc. Nancy began volunteering seven years ago to manage the website and then became president about five years ago.

**How are you staying in touch with members?**  
We are doing virtual meetings every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. via Zoom and include snowbirds here and those still at home. Other members are doing virtual card games, even some who are not coming down this year.

**What do you miss most about the club not meeting in person?**  
Interaction with all of our members.

**Any advice you want to give current or aspiring Snowbirds?**  
Fit your passions with the area you want to enjoy. Get recommendations from fellow snowbirds from your state, and research the internet and Facebook for forums to get this info, like the snowbird club websites and Facebook pages. We talked with fellow golfers when we were beginning our search of a place to winter and got many recommendations. Gulf Shores seemed the right fit for us. It is our home away from home now!

**Do you ever consider moving?**  
It's a treat for us to be down there in winter but we are always happy to get home.



## Events and Winter Discounts at Bellingrath

Winter Wednesday programs continue through Feb. 24 at Bellingrath Gardens and Home. These programs are included in general admission and are free to members of the Friends of Bellingrath. The sessions are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Magnolia Café, and reservations are required.

To make reservations, call 251-459-8868 or email [astrickland@bellingrath.org](mailto:astrickland@bellingrath.org). For details, visit [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org).

Here is the schedule:

**Feb. 3:** Winter Garden Walk: Take a guided stroll to view numerous Camellia varieties and new winter plantings, led by Barbara Smith, Gardens Display Manager, and Chuck Owens, Horticultural and Operations Director.

**Feb. 10:** Grow More, Give More, with Jack LeCroy, Regional Extension Agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Vegetable gardening can be a great activity for your family, but it can also be very daunting if



Chuck Owens



Barbara Smith

you aren't sure where to start. Learn the basics of vegetable gardening and how to get things started on the right foot.

**Feb. 17:** Origins of Azaleas, with Marten van der Giessen. Join this distinguished horticulturist for an overview of the types and provenance of the South's most beloved flower.

**Feb. 24:** Cool and Crazy Plants at Bellingrath: There are so many unusual and

special things growing in the Gardens! Join Executive Director Todd Lasseigne, who has taken numerous plant-finding expeditions all over the world, to learn more about the exotics that thrive in the Gulf Coast climate.

### Discount

Brrr... at Bellingrath Discount, you'll find a reduced rate on combination Gardens-and-Home tickets. Ask about the discount in the Bellingrath Gift. Shop when you arrive!

## Safe travels with Good Time Tours

Good Time Tours is offering socially distanced bus trips to the Mississippi casinos.

There is also an overnight scheduled that includes a stop in Mississippi and a visit to New Orleans. Pickup locations vary but include Mary Esther, Navarre, Pensacola, Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Foley.

Seating arrangements are socially distanced but you can purchase side-by-side seating upon request. Masks are required on the bus and in all casinos.

The "Snowflake Overnight" trip Feb. 21-22 is \$140 double occupancy or \$170 single. First stop is IP Casino (\$20 free play) with an overnight at the Beau Rivage (\$25 free play).

Day trips are also available to IP (\$20 free play) and Beau Rivage (\$15 free play). Day trip prices include: Pensacola/Milton (\$28), Mary Esther/Navarre (\$38), Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Foley (\$20).

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**Tall Ship Replica: Pinta Tours** – Discover the Pinta! A replica of the Pinta, one of Columbus' famous caravel ships, will be docked and open for tours at Biloxi Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, Miss. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$6.50 adults, \$5 students (5-17), children 4 and under free. Details: 228-435-6320 or <https://maritimemuseum.org/new/>

Please note that events can change or may be canceled because of the changing rules surrounding COVID-19 safety. Call or check websites or social media before heading out to an event.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Boardwalk Talks at Dauphin Island Sea Lab Estuarium** - The Northern Gulf Institute presents informal talks about the Gulf of Mexico region. 101 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, Ala. First and third Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. FREE. Details: [www.disl.org/estuarium](http://www.disl.org/estuarium) or 251-861-2141

**Winter Wednesdays, Bellingrath Gardens and Home** - Sessions are held each week in the Magnolia Room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 6 to Feb. 24. Mobile, Ala. Register: 251-459-8864. Details: [www.bellingrath.org](http://www.bellingrath.org)

### Thurs/Fri/Sat

**Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall** – Dancing, BBQ, live music and more! Dance the night away to country, oldies, '50s, pop and blues. 12615-A Foley Beach Express, Foley, Ala. Details: <https://alabamagulfcoastmusichall.com/>

### Through 2/7

**Legends in Concert Shows:** Four Legends come together to pay tribute to some of the biggest icons in British music (including Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Rod Stewart and George Michael) in "Direct From London" at OWA Theater, Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m.,

and Sundays at 3 p.m. The next show, "Celebrate Vegas," debuts Feb. 10 and features tributes to Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Cher and Lady Gaga. Tickets can be purchased at [VisitOWA.com/Tickets](http://VisitOWA.com/Tickets) or 251-369-6100. Details: [VisitOWA.com/LegendsinConcert](http://VisitOWA.com/LegendsinConcert)

### 1/30

**OWA Art and Craft Festival** - 1501 S. OWA Blvd., Foley, Ala. Noon to 4 p.m. This family-friendly event is free. Stroll the pedestrian-only streets of Downtown OWA and experience a wide variety of local arts and crafts for sale. Live performances from Roman Street on the Island Stage beginning at 1 p.m. Their special blend of Latin-Jazz music will be broadcast throughout the beautiful backdrop of Downtown. Details: [visitowa.com](http://visitowa.com)

### 1/30-31

**6th Annual Casino Bridge Run – 10K/5K and Competitive Walk** - 7:30 to 9 a.m., 151 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Miss. Age group events where all finishers receive a medal. DJ Blaze will be playing music poolside at end of race and free beer and refreshments will be available for all runners/walkers. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/casinobridgerun/> or 251-980-1045

### 1/30 – 3/13

**Americana Music at the Lodge** - Concert series in the Lodge at Camp Helen State Park are ONLINE this

year, Saturdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Concerts will be available ONLINE on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/friendsofcampghelen](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofcampghelen). Dates include Feb. 13, Feb. 27, and March 13. Details: <https://www.friendsofcampghelen.org/americana-concerts>

### 2/2-27

**Special Exhibit: Honoring African American Servicemen** – Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum, 1873 Hwy. 98 West, Carrabelle, Fla. The museum presents a special exhibit to honor our country's African-American Servicemen who served in segregated units in both the Army and the Army Air Corps, one of the most recognizable being the Tuskegee Airmen. Many trained at Camp Gordon Johnston in support units such as Amphibious Truck Companies. Details: 850-697-8575 or [museum@campgordonjohnston.com](mailto:museum@campgordonjohnston.com)

### 2/4

**Emerald Coast Theatre Company presents: "Broadway on the Boulevard"** - Featuring live musical selections performed by talented performers from ECTC's Musical Theatre Cabaret Class. The theatre is located at 560 Grand Boulevard, Sandestin in Miramar Beach, Fla. Details: [www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org](http://www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org)

### 2/6

**The Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade** – Navarre Beach scaled down the parade, but not the fun! Carts will line up at the intersection of White Sands Blvd. & Homeport Dr. facing west. 1 p.m. parade start. Participants are competing for the Best Decorated Golf Cart Award! After party begins at 1:45 p.m. at Juana's on Navarre Beach. Details and route map: [www.navbch.com/parade](http://www.navbch.com/parade)  
**Mardi Gras Lighted Boat Parade** - Mardi-Gras themed lighted boat parade starting at 6 p.m., beginning at the Sabine Marina in Little Sabine Bay. The boats will wind their way around

the Santa Rosa Sound to the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk and then circle back. Spectators can safely watch the parade from Little Sabine, the beach boardwalk, and anywhere off the Santa Rosa sound. Details: 850-932-1500 or <https://www.pensacolabeachchamber.com/>

### 2/6, 9, 13 16, 20, 23, 27

**Multi-talented Brandon Styles presents "The Trip Down Memory Lane Dinner Show"** - Tuesdays and Saturdays in February at OWA in Foley, Ala. Seating is socially distanced and tickets are going quickly, so guests are encouraged to buy ahead of time. Tickets to the dinner show start at \$42.00 (with VIP upgrades available). Group pricing is available upon request by contacting Brandon Styles Theater & Magic Shop. Doors open at 5 p.m and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Details: [visitowa.com/events](http://visitowa.com/events)

### 2/12-28

**Emerald Coast Theatre Company presents: "Popcorn Falls"** - Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 12-28. The theatre is located at 560 Grand Boulevard, Sandestin in Miramar Beach, Fla. Details: [www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org](http://www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org)

### 2/13

**Winter Craft Fair** - Lyndell Conference Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, Fla. Details: 850-233-5065 or [sue@pcbsc.com](mailto:sue@pcbsc.com)

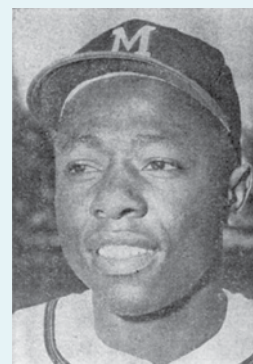
### 2/17-3/28

**22nd Annual Gulf Coast Winter Classic Horse Show** - Harrison County Fairgrounds. 15321 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, Miss. Recurring weekly on Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Check website for Grand Prix Field times. The event is free. Details: [gulfcoastclassiccompany.com](http://gulfcoastclassiccompany.com) or 228-832-2745

### 2/19-20

**Sandestin Gumbo Festival** - The Village of Baytowne Wharf, 9300

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Baytowne Wharf Blvd, Miramar Beach, FL. 5 to 9 p.m. 31st annual event will feature a variety of gumbo from Gulf Coast restaurants. Vote for your favorite as the "People's Choice" winner! Details: <http://www.sandestingumbfestival.com/>

**2/23**

**9th Annual BCHM Golf Scramble -**

All proceeds to benefit Baldwin County Heritage Museum. Glen Lakes Golf Course Hwy 20, east of Hwy. 59, Foley, Ala. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and event begins at 8:30 a.m. Four-person, Shotgun Scramble. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and prizes! Details: 251-986-8375 or [bchm@gulftel.com](mailto:bchm@gulftel.com)

**2/26 - 28**

**Vintage Market Days of Mobile -**

It's the TENTH VMD™ of Mobile event - "Vintage Love"! Shop with more than 100 vendors while enjoying live music and food trucks! The Grounds at 1035 Cody Rd. N., Mobile, Ala. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/791168218129920>

**2/26-28**

**Annual Gulf Coast Orchid Show & Plant Sale** – Gautier Convention Center, 2012 Library Lane, Gautier, Miss. Beautiful exhibits constructed by the commercial

dealers, Orchid Societies from Mississippi, and across the country! And a plant sale. Hosted by the Gulf Coast Orchid Society. Fri. -Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free event! Details: <http://www.gcorchids.org/>

**2/27**

**Jumble Sale** - Lyndell Conference

Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, Fla. Details: 850-233-5065 or [sue@pcbcs.com](mailto:sue@pcbcs.com)

**28th Annual Orange Beach Seafood Festival & Car Show** – The Wharf,

4830 Main St., Orange Beach, Ala. Come out to spend the day with family and friends while enjoying loads of tasty food, live music on two stages, and over 125 arts & crafts vendors! Presented by The Orange Beach Sports Association. Details: <https://alwharf.com/>

**Shrimp and Grits Festival** -

HarborWalk Village, 10 Harbor Blvd, Destin, Fla. 12 to 4 p.m. The inaugural Shrimp & Grits Festival will showcase shrimp & grits dishes from favorite local restaurants. Live music, craft cocktails and more. Benefitting Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast. Details: [www.shrimppandgritsfest.com](http://www.shrimppandgritsfest.com)

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## Locally grown! Shop the Gulf Coast's open-air farmers markets

Take a leisurely stroll this winter through an area Farmers Market. Numerous markets are staged on different days. All are operating with Covid-19 precautions.

**Palafox Market in Pensacola** - Find locally grown, seasonal food, farm produce and products. Palafox Market is staged under a canopy of crepe myrtle trees along Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza in downtown Pensacola, Fla. Home baked good, arts, crafts and live music make this market a festive place. From the market you can walk the length of Palafox Street to the waterfront. Details: [palafoxmarket.com](http://palafoxmarket.com).

**The Farmers Market** - Historic Downtown Panama City and Historic Millville Watson Bayou Park. Weekly Market with local produce, meats, arts and crafts. Saturdays they are in Historic Downtown Panama City and Thursday in Millville, Fla. Check out their featured vendors at: <https://panamacityfarmersmarket.com/> and questions 850-481-9969 [850Market@gmail.com](mailto:850Market@gmail.com)

**Downtown FWB Farmers' The Market** - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 139 SE Brooks Street, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Farmers, artisan food vendors, and crafters offer an locally grown and handmade items. Stroll through Downtown after the Farmers Market and check out local shops and restaurants. Details: [downtownfwb.com](http://downtownfwb.com) or [downtownfwbartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:downtownfwbartwalk@gmail.com)

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**Grand Boulevard Farmer's Market** - Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, Fla. Features fresh produce, fruit, vegetables, grass-fed beef, whole chickens, eggs, honey and more. Saturdays year round. Details: Diane Kolopanas, 850-499-4697

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# Hootenanny is a warm welcome for snowbirds

Hurricane Sally, a powerful Category 2 storm, delivered a blow to the tiny Perdido Key, Fla., community.

The storm made landfall on Sept. 16 on the nearby Alabama Gulf Coast, packing 105 mph winds. Perdido Key has been in steady recovery since the storm, with many lodging units under renovation. Already reeling from the Covid-19 pandemic, Perdido Key faced an uphill battle.

"Recovery has been a fairly smooth process considering the level of damage experienced here in the Perdido Area,"

said Dana Pagador, Perdido Chamber's executive director. "As with most natural disasters, the initial response is the most significant factor when bringing a community and it's businesses back online and running swiftly.

"Being on the outer edges of Escambia County and not technically Baldwin County, our community can be easily overlooked," she said. "Both counties have put forth a great effort to be sure Perdido Area was well included in both recovery processes."

This year, the annual Snowbird welcome "Hootenanny" will be staged in the Flora-Bama Lounge's huge open-air tent with two sessions. Tickets will be limited to comply with social distancing and other Covid rules. The theme is "Sweetheart Saloon."

"We wanted to create something fun that would represent the Perdido Key Area and all we had to offer. There was no better place to



celebrate this unique community that sits on the Alabama-Florida state line than the world-famous Flora-Bama!"

Pagador said that Snowbirds are a special community.

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**What:** 4th Annual Snowbird Hootenanny Sweetheart Saloon  
Where: Flora-Bama Lounge (under a tent), Perdido Key, Fla.

**When:** Feb. 11. Two sessions, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Limited tickets because of COVID-19.

Patrons are encouraged to dress in western wear. There will be live music, dancing, games and door prizes, Lunch provided by the legendary Flora-Bama chefs. Western masks and sanitation products will be provided and seating will be socially distanced.

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"The thing I really [am] the proudest of, my crowning achievement, as an editor, was Gulf Islands National Seashore." – J. Earle Bowden.

Sometimes it takes the prospect of losing something to appreciate what you have.

Such is the case when hurricanes threaten the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The top 10-rated national park opened 50 years ago after a vigorous campaign led by community leaders and the megaphone of the late Pensacola Journal editorial page editor and cartoonist J. Earle Bowden, who came to be known as the Father of the National Seashore.. The Gulf Islands encompasses a swath of Santa Rosa Island but also areas and islands from Destin, Florida to Cat Island, Mississippi.

Hurricane Sally delivered a \$4.5 million punch in September to the Florida area. The Mississippi area also sustained damage from Hurricane Zeta which landed in October. The Fort Pickens area, including the campground reopened in December. The Davis Bayou portion and its campground area near Ocean Springs, Miss., reopened in November.



The scenic drive along the J. Earle Bowden area of Santa Rosa County state road 399 has yet to reopen. Also, the Langdon Beach area of Fort Pickens (has covered picnic area and bathrooms) and Ship Island in Mississippi are still closed.

## If you go

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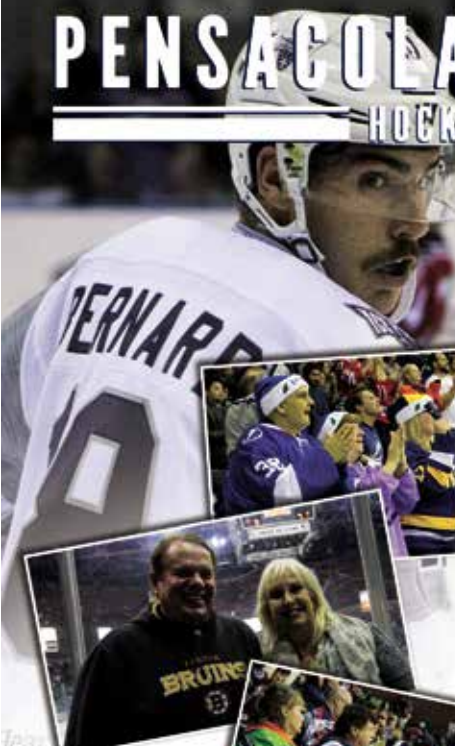
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# The Great Bay

The world is a dang mess. And I have gone fishing. It's been a long time since I've held a rod in my hands. Too long. In fact, I can't remember the last time I sat on this overturned five-gallon bucket, perched upon the shore of this Choctawhatchee Bay, staring at this water.

Some people don't understand fishing. Take my wife. She can't figure out why any rational man would spend hours on a bucket not talking. She says it's boring.

Boring? No. To go fishing is to embark upon a great intellectual competition, attempting to outsmart the cleverest creature on earth. You might not think fish are intelligent, but believe me, they are much smarter than humans.

A redfish, for instance, would never drain his kid's college fund to purchase a 17-foot Tracker Pro Team 175 TXW boat package simply to go catch his limit of humans.

Today I came to this bay because earlier I was watching the news and it made me sick to my stomach. The headlines du jour were giving me literal palpitations. The irony is that I was having a pretty good day until I saw the state of our world. You have to worry about us sometimes.

So I packed my tackle and left. And I'm glad I did because bay water can work wonders on a man's soul.

Try to visualize this. I am looking at 129 square miles of brackish, blue water that spans two counties, and has a watershed that covers roughly 3,339,632 acres. Out here there are no radios, no screens, no phones. No traffic. No billboards. I only have a rod, a bucket, and the ghosts of my ancestors.

Fishing.

I come from a long line of fishermen. Most were mediocre anglers, but others were gifted like my uncle Ray Ray. Uncle Ray Ray could communicate with fish through extra sensory techniques. Sadly, the only message he could send was: "Don't come near me." His gift, I'm told, also worked on the ladies.

My grandfather was also an avid line-wetter. The rod I'm holding was his. It dates back to 1933. The old man would have purchased this fishing pole at age 22 via a mail-order catalog for \$6. These rods came with cheap reels, cork handles, and a guarantee to "last a lifetime." This one has lasted 88 years, which is pretty close.

The major selling point was that this rod is all steel, and can be disassembled to be carried in a small canvas bag. Thus it could be used on lunch breaks, before hot dates, after church service, or during. A young man like my grandfather would have assembled this rod and retreated to the water's edge for some meditation. Which is all fishing is. It's meditation with an occasional beer.

Although I'm not having any luck meditating today. It's January. This bay is chilly from brisk northerly gusts that bounce off the still water and numb my nose like frozen hamburger.

Which brings up an important point. The common

misconception about Florida is that it's always warm and sunny here. This is because in 1970 some marketing geniuses nicknamed Florida the "Sunshine State."

But the truth is our state should be called the "Overcast State."

Florida has more days per year in which the sun is blocked by 20 to 70 percent cloud coverage. That's more than any state in the continental U.S. But you don't print something like that on tourism brochures, or else tourists will start visiting Nevada to see Celine Dion.

Neither should you advertise that Florida that has more lightning strikes than any other state. Nor should you brag about having the most cases of fatal snakebites. And you definitely shouldn't tell tourists that Florida leads the league in rainfall. Oh, do we get rain. To give you an idea just how much: Seattle gets a whopping 38 inches of rain each year. Florida gets 54.

But today isn't about weather, nor about fishing. Not really. It was that I had to leave the house. I needed to breathe. To think. To be away from headline news. I came to the bay of my youth to forget that the world is angry right now.

This is the same tranquil water where Creek natives once fished for their livelihood. Where beautiful black-haired maidens once dove for blue crabs and oysters. Where young men caught mullet with handwoven nets.

This is also the same water where Spanish explorers like Ponce de León moored massive square-rigged ships in the 1500s, searching for a fabled Fountain of Youth that would make his eyes less droopy and his buns firmer.

Personally, I've often wondered if this bay isn't the fountain Ponce was looking for. After all, this bay has outlasted everyone and everything.

This ancient land withstood hurricanes that altered its shoreline. This place has endured colonization. It has somehow remained sturdy despite Revolutions, Civil Wars, yellow fever, Great Depressions, industrializations, World Wars, urban sprawls, and the cancer of tourism. And this water will outlast me, too. If that's not eternal youth, what is?

Today, however, the water is a reminder to me. A reminder that when this world gets frightening; when people of earth begin to rip each other apart; when mankind becomes plagued by pandemics and violence; this is not the end.

Not as long as the beauty of this earth overwhelms the ugliness of it. Not as long as I have an antique rod and a few spoon lures.

And even though I probably won't catch a dadgum thing today, there is peace upon this water. Which is more than I can say for the rest of the world right now.

And this is why a man goes fishing.

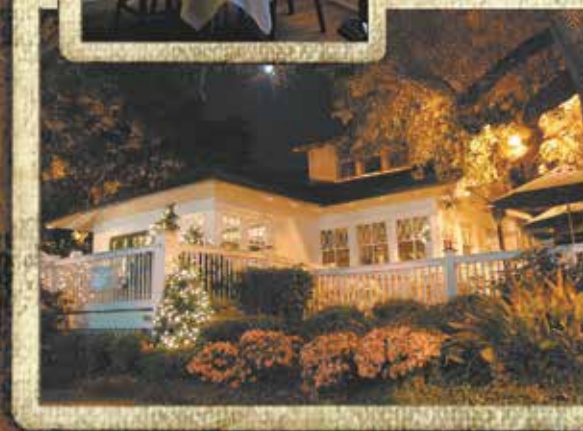
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Surrounded by the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi Sound and Mobile Bay, Alabama's only barrier island is known as "The Sunset Capital of Alabama," and rightly so. Locals and visitors alike love to pause at the end of each day and sit on the deck or the beach to watch Mother Nature's end-of-the-day light show.

The rest of the time they can choose from an array of activities that include charter fishing, boating, sunbathing, swimming, birding, visiting historic Fort Gaines, learning about the area's marine life at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Estuarium, hiking through the Audubon Bird Sanctuary, learning the history of Dauphin Island at the Welcome Center's museum and stopping by Dauphin



Island's variety of restaurants, gift shops and boutiques. Visitors can also ride the Mobile Bay Ferry; take a nature tour, a dolphin watch boat ride, a lighthouse cruise, or a sunset cruise; visit the island's two art galleries and check out the walking and biking trails that span the 14-mile-long island.

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The island also kicks off the region's Mardi Gras season every winter, hosting between 30,000 and 40,000 visitors for the first two parades of the year. **(2021 events have been cancelled because of COVID-19.)**



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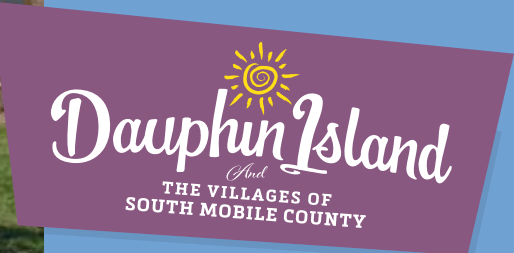
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