



Holiday Gift Guide

2020 Last Minute Shopping

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Shop local this holiday season

Once again, it's that time of year for the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping.

It might be helpful to know a few of the local businesses and what they have to offer. After Black Friday, take a break and stroll the downtown areas of the towns of Baldwin County in support of Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30. You may find the perfect, locally-crafted gift for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. Happy shopping!

RETAILERS

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Established in 1956, B&B helps you with your holiday gift shopping. They have a wide range of gift items and one is certain to fit any budget for family or corporate gifts and will ship for you. Pecans, candied pecans, combo tins and holiday gift bags. Stop by or shop online.

Christmas 'Round the Corner, Fairhope

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Kathy's Package Store, Daphne

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Old Tyme Feed, Fairhope

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we offer a wide variety of products and services. But we're still the same ol' smiling faces ready to welcome anyone with a cup of coffee and friendly conversation.

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Stowe's Jewelry, Fairhope

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To Arms Antiques, Fairhope

We are a dealer in military antiques, collectible items, historical documents; from Revolutionary War to World War II. We sell, buy, trade, and are a certified appraiser in the above items. We need World War II items!

SERVICES

DeSoto's Seafood Kitchen, Gulf Shores

Award winning DeSoto's Seafood Kitchen, one of Gulf Shores' favorite family restaurants features fresh seafood, chicken, pasta, steak, home style sides, salads and sandwiches. Our daily lunch specials include seafood, chicken, country fried hamburger steak, ham, 12 great homemade sides, and our fabulous fresh baked rolls. Our dinner menu features exquisite appetizers, seafood favorites prepared your way: fried, broiled, grilled, blackened, steamed, or Cajun style, plus chicken and pasta dishes and one great Hawaiian Ribeye steak. Try the fresh catch and have it prepared New Orleans, Mediterranean, Caribbean, or our house favorite Pecan Encrusted Style. We offer excellent wine choices and homemade desserts to compliment your meal. We're located just one block north of the Gulf of Mexico, in the heart of Gulf Shores, so stop in on your next visit to the beach.

Elberta Farmer's Co-Op, Elberta

The Elberta Farmer's Co-Op is a member-owned cooperative that has been serving the Elberta community since 1949. We provide the community's hard-working farmers with the materials for their livelihoods as well as everyday household items. Come by and see our selection of seeds, fertilizers, lawn and garden items, hardware, horse supplies and feed for every animal. Elberta Co-Op provides the best of customer service and is an integral part of Baldwin County. Stop by anytime and let our friendly staff help you!

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Riviera Utilities is located at 413 East Laurel Ave. in Foley, Alabama, and is responsible for providing electric, water, wastewater, natural gas, internet and cable tv services. A branch office can also be found at 700 Whispering Pines Road in Daphne, Alabama (*Providing Electric Service Only*).

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Keeping traditions alive during an unusual holiday season

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This holiday season may look a bit different due to social distancing. But just because everyone is not physically together, doesn't mean your family can't share its favorite traditions.

The Olesen family of O&H Danish Bakery knows how important holiday traditions are to feeling connected to loved ones. Now in its fourth generation, the family-owned and operated bakery is sharing its best tips for creating holiday cheer from anywhere:

Celebrate virtually

In a survey commissioned by O&H Danish Bakery and conducted by SWNS Media Group and OnePoll, nearly 80 percent of respondents say time with family is their favorite part of the holiday season. Whether your tradition is a Christmas movie marathon, a caroling session around the piano or eating certain foods and baked treats, you can enjoy these activities together over video chat this year.

Share traditional foods

The sensory memories that good food creates are powerful. In fact, 44 percent of people say the holiday spirit wouldn't be the same if they didn't have their traditional holiday dessert.

If you are like many families, that favorite dessert is Kringle, a traditional Danish treat made of 36 layers of butter and pastry. Among O&H's special holiday offerings are Thanksgiving Stuffed Kringle, A Very Danish

Christmas Kringle and the classic Pecan Kringle. Over the past 70 years, the award-winning bakery has shipped to more than 100 countries, making landfall in all seven continents, including Antarctica. This year, doorstep delivery makes it easy to order a traditional favorite for your own household or send a gift to family members near and far. Visit ohdanishbakery.com.

Plan ahead

When it comes to ordering gifts and specially baked treats, make sure to account for busy schedules and congested delivery services to ensure all your goodies arrive on time. Take note of shipping times and policies, as well as ordering deadlines for each company. For example, O&H allows customers to pre-order Kringle and schedule a preferred delivery date in the future.

Create hygge

Evoking the sights, sounds and aromas of a typical holiday season will help make this year feel more cheerful. Take a cue from Danish culture and embrace hygge. Pronounced "hoo-ga," it means creating a cozy atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life, such as the warm glow of candlelight or a steaming cup of cocoa — and there is no better time of year to do it than the holiday season.

This year might be especially difficult for families who are physically separated, but there are many ways to spread cheer and keep traditions alive.



Where to find Santa

The jolly man in red is still making visits this year. Visit these local places for your magical visit.

OWA, Foley

» Through Dec. 20, 3-6 p.m.

Santa will be welcoming guests of all ages to their home away from home and allow for time to grab a photo with the jolly man himself. Santa's personal paparazzi will also be there to snap your picture for a small additional cost if you want! Plus, be sure to look out for Santa's Elves who will be available to help ensure a socially distanced experience this holiday season.

The Wharf, Orange Beach

» The Port at The Wharf; across from the Ferris Wheel
» Dec. 11-13, 18-24

» Times: Fridays: 3-6 p.m., Saturdays: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays: Noon-6 p.m., Dec. 21-23: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 24: Noon-2 p.m.

» Cost: Various photo packages available for purchase. Ho Ho Holiday photo time with Santa at The Wharf! Jolly Claus has checked his list already, twice actually, so make sure you are on your best behavior when you snap a frame-worthy photo. You can bring your letter to him and share your must-have toys and joys, then capture the moment to remember forever!

Bass Pro Shops, Spanish Fort

» Through Dec. 24

Visitors with Santa will be required to adhere to the following safety rules:

- Reservations are required to allow for social distancing, visit www.basspro.com to make a reservation.
- Temperature screenings are required for families and team members prior to entering.
- The Magic Santa Shield is an acrylic barrier in place between Santa and families at all times.
- Families will stand in designated areas away from other shoppers.
- Face coverings are required adherent to state guidelines.
- Surfaces are cleaned and sanitized between each visit.

Fish River Trees, Summerdale

» Dec. 12-13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Visitors will not be able to sit on Santa's lap. Santa will be masked.

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Christmas at The Wharf

ONGOING

Enjoy these favorite holiday traditions throughout the months of December and January. Check www.alwharf.com for specific dates and times.

Ice Skating Rink

Grab a pair of skates and glide, spin or fall into the season.

North Pole Express

Enjoy the sights and sounds as the train rides through our Winter Wonderland.

Holiday Horse and Carriage Rides

Saddle up for the season with an evening under the moonlight in an enchanted horse-drawn carriage.

DEC. 12

Yo Ho Ho 5K

» 8 a.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores is hosting the second annual Yo Ho Ho 5K. The fun run starts at 8 a.m. with the 5K following at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in your best Christmas attire (pets and children are welcome to join). The Kiwanis Club awards scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors from Gulf Shores & Orange Beach that are involved in Key Club at their schools. The club also donates money to various non-profit organizations and service projects throughout the year. Register at www.gulfshoreskiwanis.org.

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DEC. 12-13

Holly Days on Main Festival

» Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

» Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The newest December tradition in Coastal Alabama is coming to take over The Wharf! Vendors of all types will be on Main Street with a selection of gifts that are certain to make your holiday special. Be sure to also take in the sights and sounds of performances from area students, an art showcase, lighted boat parade, and maybe even a visit from the man in red.

DEC. 13-24

12 Days of Christmas

Shopping

» 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

A dozen days of deals? Yes, please! Join us for our 12 Days of Christmas Shopping promotion from December 13-24 for one-day-only specials at The Wharf. New, exclusive deals specific to each date will be announced as we countdown to Christmas!

DEC. 24

Last Minute Christmas Eve Shopping

» 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

It's crunch time! Still looking for the perfect present for your loved one? Don't fret, The Wharf will be open on Christmas Eve for you to shop for last-minute gifts.



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» Nightly, every 30 minutes beginning at 5 p.m.

Don't miss the Christmas light shows every night on OWA's Island in admission-free Downtown OWA. The 36-foot tall Christmas tree will put on a mesmerizing light show to holiday music every night. The show is around 10 minutes long and will play throughout the night. Catch it from the beginning approximately every 30 minutes!

DEC. 12-13

Brunch with Santa

» 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Do you know who really loves pancakes? Santa!

You're invited to a special pancake brunch with the jolly man himself and Mrs. Claus this Christmas season. Inside Shady Arbor at The Park at OWA, guests can dine with Santa and enjoy a delectable pancake spread. Park admission is not required, simply a ticket for your seat at the table for just \$10.99 (plus taxes/fees). Your ticket to brunch includes pancakes, an assortment of toppings to pile on them, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, and your choice of drink (cocoa, coffee, juice, milk).

Seating is limited because Santa has to hurry back to his elves in the North Pole, so hurry and



grab your spot today! Don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas, too.

Everyone joining us for the brunch will need to reserve a seat. Don't worry parents, we will have mimosas for purchase as a little Christmas treat, just for you! Grab a single mimosa for \$5 or 2 for \$7.

DEC. 12-13, 19-23

Storytime with Santa's Elves

» 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

» Parkside Giftshop

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- » Through Dec. 31, 5-9 p.m.
- » Purchase tickets at bellin-grath.org

Arctic Express will roll Nov. 27 through Dec. 24 at Wales West RV Park and Light Railway, 13670 Smiley St., Silverhill. Ride the rails through a winter wonderland, filled with decorations and lights culminating with a visit to Santa at the North Pole. Due to COVID-19 precautions, tickets will be sold exclusively online. Each ticket will have a set date and time of departure. A minimum purchase of four tickets per order is requested. There will only be an extremely limited number of walk-up tickets available per day and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. Tickets can be purchased online at waleswest.com/arctic.htm. For more information call 1-888-569-5337.

Foley's Christmas Tree Lane

- » Starting Thursday, Dec. 3 Stop by Heritage Park in Foley to stroll through "Christmas Tree Lane." Live trees will be decorated by businesses, organizations, and individuals and will remain on display through the Christmas season. No official program at Christmas in the Park will take place this year due to COVID-19, but everyone is welcome to come walk through Heritage Park to enjoy the decorated trees through December. You might even find some "snow" falling during your holiday stroll!

DEC. 11

Daphne Family Movie Night

- » 6 p.m.
- » Daphne City Hall

DEC. 12

38th Annual Christmas Fest

- » 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Hosted by the North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce on Courthouse Square

Lulu's Lighted Boat Parade

- » 4:30 p.m.

Loxley Christmas Parade

- » 10 a.m.
- » Parade lineup will be at the Loxley Church of God and run north along Alabama 59/Hickory Street to the Loxley Municipal Park.

Santa will ride atop a Loxley Fire Department fire engine at the end of the parade.

Summerdale Christmas Parade

- » 4:30 p.m.
- Lineup will begin at 3:30 p.m. at Summerdale School. Parade begins on 4th Street and will travel Broadway, NW 1st Street, Jefferson, W 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park in the center of town. Santa will be available for photos in the park after the parade. Refreshments will be provided.

DEC. 12-13

Holly Days at the Wharf

The heart of the festival will feature vendors lined up and down The Wharf's Main Street, selling a variety of items that are perfect pick-ups for last minute Christmas gifts. Along with vendors, a number of activi-

ties are planned to occur, including...

- Two days of music and dance performances from area schools and academies
- Visits from Santa Claus
- A youth art showcase
- A viewing spot for the LuLu's Lighted Boat Parade
- A Santa pub crawl put on by the Lower Alabama Young Professionals
- Various activities, tastings, and specials put on by restaurants, bars, and shops at The Wharf

DEC. 12

Elberta's Annual Christmas Parade

- » 5 p.m.
- » Lineup begins at 4:30 p.m. on Illinois Street. Gather at the town park immediately following the parade to enjoy the lighting of the Christmas Tree and Movies in the Park! Santa and Mrs. Claus will make crowd visits and hand out candy!
- To comply with COVID-19 guidelines and for safety of those in attendance of the parade, tailgating and masks are suggested. Those who will be staying for Movies in the Park are asked to please bring their own chairs and blankets and to set up six feet from neighbors to ensure safety for all.
- Stroll through downtown Elberta throughout the season to check out nearly 30 decorated Christmas Trees! The trees will be decorated by Saturday, Dec. 5. Each has been decorated by local individuals, organizations, or businesses, and can be

seen in the town park and around Town Hall.

DEC. 14

Baldwin County Youth Orchestra Classical Christmas Concert and silent auction

- » 7 p.m.
- » Daphne Civic Center

DEC. 17

Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach Light Up the Arts

- » 5-7 p.m.
- Features glass and clay demos, raffles, music, Christmas shopping with special pricing

The Baldwin Pops Holiday Concert

- » 6 p.m.
- » Heritage Park in Foley This is a free event. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs/blankets and to set up six-feet apart to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.

DEC. 18

Community Christmas Night

- » 6 p.m.
- » Gulf Shores Enjoy a night with family, friends, and fellow residents celebrating the holiday season at Gulf Place! The event will feature the movie Elf playing on the outdoor screen at the community town green, chili available for purchase from Gulf Shores Fire Rescue, and a dozen free cookies will be given out with a small donation to the Gulf Shores Fire Association. Grab a chair and a blanket to enjoy this fun community event.



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