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'Winter at The Wharf'

Aims to bring joy to local children

'Tis the season for holiday lights, joy and family at The Wharf. This year's 'Winter at The Wharf' aims to bring joy to local children with a charity giving component.

"Winter at The Wharf has a jam-packed lineup once again this year," said Sheena Mizell, marketing and public relations director, The Wharf. "Our hope is to bring joy to the area with our annual events and new winter charity campaign."

The Wharf's Anchor Campaign charity event will feature a bike drive and donation match at the ice-skating rink for Toys for Tots. A full calendar of the holiday events, days, time and prices are available at alwharf.com/events.

Come of the fun activities for all ages this season include the following attractions:

NOW – JAN. 17 **Ice Skating Rink** **Open daily;**

Now – Jan. 17, 2022
Located under the large white tent near the Main Street entrance. Skate on Tuesdays for WKRG News 5, Give 5 and a \$5 donation will be made in your honor for Toys for Tots from The Wharf and Sand Dollar Lifestyles until Dec. 14.

NOW – DEC. 15, **VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Toys for Tots Bike Drive
Help spread cheer this year by donating a bike to Toys for Tots. Donors can collect a bike "ornament" from



Christmas trees in The Port while taking photos with Santa or in the ice rink. The bikes requested are for children ages 16 and under. Make it a family occasion to shop for a local child, then return the bikes to the ice rink on Dec. 14.

SATURDAYS AND **SELECT DATES,** **NOVEMBER THROUGH** **DECEMBER**

The Wharf North Pole Express

Put on your pajamas and ride The Wharf North Pole Express each Saturday until Christmas, where every child will receive a candy cane, coloring book and a golden ticket sticker as a special souvenir.

NOW – DEC. 24, **TIMES VARY** **Photos with Santa**

» 8 a.m.
Bring your letter to Santa and share your must-have toys and joys, then capture the moment to remember forever.

riage ride through the streets and gaze at the holiday lights and decorations with your loved ones.

NIGHTLY THOUGH DEC. **31, 6 P.M. AND 7 P.M.**

Holiday SPECTRA Laser Light Experience

For a limited time, the spectacle will celebrate the joyous season with timeless tunes and classic sing-a-longs. See Main Street as it's transformed into a magical stage where the palm trees are energized with life and become the stars of the display.

SELECT NIGHTS THOUGH **DEC. 31, 6-9 P.M.**

Carriage rides

» Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Enjoy a horse-drawn car-





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

B&B Pecan, Fairhope

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

We have all your Christmas needs, from nautical to hunting & fishing, ballerina and fairy ornaments.

Also offering Christopher Radko from Poland, World Christmas, and blown glass Egyptian ornaments.

Other collectibles include Cody Foster, Joy To The World, Snow Babies, Karen Didion Santas, Steinbach Nutcrackers from Germany and Mark Roberts Elves and Fairies.

Jubilee Gift Shop, Daphne

You know that little shop that just has something cute for everyone, regardless of the occasion. Every so often you come across a place like that — that always has that perfect little something. It's the type of place Jubilee Gift Shop in Daphne aims to be. And if Jubilee's years of success are any indication, it's doing a fine job of it.

Any holiday is a big deal along the Gulf Coast, and Jubilee Gift Shop knows it. From New Year's to Christmas and every holiday in between, Jubilee Gift Shop tries to find something for everyone. Every purchase is gift wrapped with a smile by her friendly staff.

They feature a wide variety of gifts, collectibles and

other merchandise. Jubilee specializes in Ginger Snaps Jewelry, Fleur De Lis, Crown, Mermaid, Collegiate, Inis, and Norwex.

Old Tyme Feed, Fairhope

We are a family owned and operated business that's been serving our neighbors in the Mobile Bay area since 1987. For more than 30 years, our family has enjoyed the opportunity to serve your family with old-fashioned values and friendly service.

These days, Old Tyme Feed is more than a feed store, 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.

So whether you need seed for new little ducklings or an orchid for mom, stop on in to the 'feel good store' and we'll take great care of you.

Southern Antique and Accents, Fairhope

We invite you to stop by, and enjoy our southern hospitality and stroll through our selection of antiques, collectibles, vintage items, jewelry, China, crystal, Farmhouse, Boho, primitives, shabby chic, handbuilt furniture, and other interesting pieces. Our friendly and caring staff are here to assist you seven days a week. Come by and find your next "wow" piece.

The Colony Shop, Fairhope

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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 co-operative 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 any-



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Where to find Santa

Visit these local places for your magical visit and photo with Santa.

OWA, Foley

- » **Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 23 2-7 p.m.**
- » Santa and Mrs. Claus are welcoming guests of all ages in their North Pole home. Stop by Mrs. Claus' kitchen and see what she's whipping up that day (and grab a hot cup of cocoa!), say hello to a few special visitors in Santa's stable, visit the magical elf workshop for arts and crafts, then grab a photo with the jolly man himself. The North Pole's activities are completely free for families and kids to enjoy. Santa's personal paparazzi will also be there to snap your picture for a small additional cost if you want!

The Wharf, Orange Beach

- » **Now through Dec. 24**
- » 'Tis the season to be jolly, and the perfect time to start the finest family tradition is here at The Wharf. Come to Santa's Village and take a photo with Mr. Kringle. He has checked his list (twice actually), so make sure you are on your best behavior with visions of sugarplums when you snap a frame-worthy picture.

Wales West Arctic Express, Silverhill

- » **Now through Dec. 24**
- » Enjoy a steam train ride to the North Pole and visit Santa Claus with your whole family this holiday season at Wales West. Guests will travel by train through a snowy winter wonderland featuring more than 1 million twinkling lights and receive a free toy as a memento of their trip. This special holiday tradition will also feature a petting zoo including pony rides, miniature train rides, a hayless hayride, bounce house, and fun artificial snow. Guests may purchase tickets online or purchase at the railroad for \$15. Admission is free for all those 2 and under. The Arctic Express is open 4 to 9 p.m, daily.

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FOLEY — The Foley Art Center's 54th Annual Trim A Tree kicked off on Friday, Nov. 12. The six-week holiday fine arts and crafts event will run through Thursday, Dec. 23 and is located at Tanger Outlets in Foley (2601 S. McKenzie St., Suite 182). Hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Trim A Tree features displays from over 135 artists and craftsmen from throughout the southeast. Gift and holiday decorative items include over 30 Christmas trees filled with ornament displays, florals, wood carvings, charcuterie boards, blown glass, stained glass, fused glass mosaics, pottery, polymer clay sculptures, needle

felted wool, driftwood trees, hand loomed rugs and fine jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, cards and handwoven textiles are also for sale.

Featured artists are members of the Foley Art Center. All profits help support local artists, as well as giving shoppers the opportunity to find personal, handcrafted items. The Art Center keeps 25 percent of each sale to pay employees, rent, and expenses, and the rest goes directly to the artist or craftsman.

For more information, call the Foley Art Center at 251-943-4381, visit foleyartcenter.com, email foleytrimatree@gmail.com, and follow Foley Art Center and Trim A Tree on Facebook.



Dazzling nights of lights

Bellingrath Gardens and Home is celebrating the 26th year of Magic Christmas in Lights in 2021.

In this Gulf Coast holiday tradition, guests stroll through a dazzling light display that features more than 1,100 set pieces, 3 million lights, and 16 scenes throughout the 65-acre garden estate. It takes about an hour to walk the entire display.

In addition, the Bellingrath Home is decorated in its holiday finery and enhanced with beautiful poinsettias. The show is open nightly, rain or shine, until 9 p.m. from Nov. 26, to Jan. 5 (closed on Christmas and New Year's Days).

Hot cocoa and snacks are available for purchase on Live Oak Plaza; hot evening meals available in the Magnolia Cafe nightly from 4 to 8 p.m.; beer and wine available for purchase in the Magnolia Café nightly from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Live Oak Plaza on Friday and Saturday nights

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