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To the winners, thank you for your commitment to Baldwin County. Thank you for working through the hard days, making the tough decisions and taking risks. Your efforts are commended.



To voters and readers, use this list in your everyday lives. Find a hairstylist, a mechanic or place to enjoy the day. From Alabama's pristine Gulf Coast to the Eastern Shore and beautiful landscape of this massive county we call home, exceptional local people, places and businesses abound.

At Gulf Coast Media, we're committed to bringing Baldwin County the nation's best in local media as well. With our deep roots in providing information through the county's newspapers and most popular magazines, the Gulf Coast Media of 2024 is built to grow and last.

We're building on our ways to reach locals and tourists alike. Through email newsletters, text alerts, contests, social media and more, we're adding points of connection to improve the lives of our neighbors and our region.

We believe local media at its best connects and builds a community. That's what Best

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This magazine features many of the reasons Baldwin County is the immensely popular county it is, and it features the reasons why its future remains so bright. All according to you. I'm humbled and elated to be able to join you on the journey, Baldwin County.

Best of luck in 2024.

Vince Johnson Publisher, Gulf Coast Media

See the full list of winners throughout this magazine and online at gulfcoastmedia.com/BestOf.



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Since 2010, Direct Furniture has been the go-to store for furniture, mattresses, POLYWOOD outdoor furniture and accessories on the Gulf Coast. We are family owned and locally operated with three convenient locations: Eastern Shore (Spanish Fort), Foley and The Wharf (Orange Beach). Direct Furniture has what you need and is the one-stop shop to elevate your home, condo, office or vacation rental. We have endless options to choose from. With new items arriving daily, Direct Furniture is the ultimate destination for stylish and affordable home furnishings!

At Direct Furniture, we understand that your home or condo is the reflection of your unique personality and taste. That's why we strive to bring you a diverse range of furniture pieces, from contemporary to classics, a wide variety of mattresses from firm to plush, outdoor furniture and beautiful accessories, ensuring there's something for every taste and preference. Direct Furniture is where quality, comfort, service, style and affordability converge to create the perfect home environment for you and your family.

Direct Furniture is also an authorized dealer of POLYWOOD outdoor furniture and has one of the largest selections on the Gulf Coast. With our knowledgeable staff, we can make your outdoor space look great with a product that is built to last.

The spaces where we live, congregate and vacation are vital to a positive experience and well-being, and Direct

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We're all about making the impossible possible. Some of our clients are out-of-towners, entrusting us to make key decisions from afar. It's a big responsibility, but we're built for it. We take their unique visions and bring them to life, right here in the picturesque Eastern Shore. And let's talk about our designers – they're the best in the business. We work hand-in-hand with these creative professionals, turning their incredible ideas into reality. It's a partnership that results in awardwinning projects, time and time again.

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We're also super grateful to our clients and friends who've supported us. Your votes have helped us triumph as the underdog, and we can't thank you enough. It's your belief in us that fuels our passion and drive.

As we gear up to offer commercial services, we're excited to meet the needs of professionals in their workplaces, too. Dependability, rapid communication, financial accuracy and on-site presence are what set us apart. We're the team that keeps everything running like a well-oiled machine, thanks to our clear draw schedules and final payment transparency, all meticulously managed by Ashley Stockton, our CFO and office manager.

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Thanks for voting us the Best Arcade and Best Amusement Park! We're looking forward to our best year yet — with more to see and do than ever before at OWA Parks & Resort, an award-winning, 520-acre property owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Tropic Falls is the heart of OWA, complete with a ride-focused theme park, outdoor wave pool and surf simulator and the region's biggest indoor water park. It's unlike anything the Gulf Coast has ever seen before and covered by a convertible roof of 1,800 glass panels, offering hours of rain-or-shine fun. The tropical escape includes 75-foot-tall slides in a tropical atmosphere with more than 300 palm trees. Guests can take their pick from over 11 water slides — or just enjoy the ultimate tropical relaxation by floating along the Castaway Creek lazy river. Additional features include private party rooms and private cabanas. The tropical theme continues throughout the park with food and beverage options. That just-right snack, meal or signature cocktail is just steps away, from sunny vibes overlooking Big Water Bay to indoor-waterpark treats or fun served scream-side — by the theme park rides!

Adjacent to Tropic Falls is the admission-free Downtown OWA. This pedestrian-only streetscape was inspired by Southern small towns and features a family-pleasing range of dining, shopping and



entertainment. Shoppers and diners will find fresh new shopping and menu options, local-favorites and great regional finds. Downtown OWA doesn't disappoint when it comes to libations, either. From moonshine tastings to wine flights, it's a toastworthy place. Entertainment options just keep growing, from blockbuster annual events to live music and an incredible lineup of performances at OWA Theater.

If it all sounds like too much to see and do in one day, stay the night! On-property are our own awardwinning TownePlace Suites by Marriott and Tropic Hideaway, our amenity-rich, luxury RV resort. OWA Parks & Resort really is the best place on the coast to thrill and then chill — and it just keeps getting better!



This is really the best! Thank you for voting The Arcade at OWA as Best Arcade—and Tropic Falls as Best Amusement Park! We keep making OWA Parks & Resort better and better...come see what's new for 2024, and thank you again!



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We appreciate the trust you place in us and are grateful to serve you in our beautiful Baldwin County.

Thank you so much! Benjie and Donna Hughes

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Alabama Credit Union's mission is to enhance the lives of our members and team members, strengthen our communities and live our shared values. At Alabama Credit Union, we want you to "feel good about your money." Our members can feel good about their money because our employees will provide products and financial counsel that our members need. We think of our members as part of the ACU family and are dedicated to taking care of them — from assisting with an auto loan, at a great rate, to helping save for that dream vacation.

We are part of the communities we serve; we work and live where our members work and live and take pride in being "real people who offer real help." We are here to give our members a hand, make life



easier and share money know-how tips to achieve their goals. "Good enough" isn't how we do things; At Alabama Credit Union, we get it right. We offer everyday banking and "loans for real life" with rates and service that make our members smile. At Alabama Credit Union, it is not just about the bottom line — we know that taking care of business means taking care of people.

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**Auto Insurance** Lad Drago - State Farm

Auto Loan Provider Alabama Credit Union

**Auto Parts** Middleton Auto Parts

Auto Service and Maintenance Ken McNeill's Auto Care

**Car Salesperson** Wade Odom - Sandy Sansing CDJR of Foley

**Car Wash** Rich's Car Wash - Spanish Fort

**Dealership Service Department** Eastern Shore Toyota -Service Department

**New Car Dealership** Moyer Ford Sales Inc. **Oil Change** Sweat Tire

**Tires** Sweat Tire

**Towing Service** Tony's Towing Inc.

**Transmission Repair** Bay Transmission

**Upholstery** Jubilee Auto Interiors

**Used Car Dealership** Triple B Autos

Window Tinting EmptyMindz Motorsports

### Best of the Beach

**Bar** Pink Pony Pub

**Beach and Nautical Décor Store** The Southern Grind Coffee House at The Wharf

**Bloody Mary** Brick & Spoon - Orange Beach

**Boat Tour** Sail Wild Hearts

**Boutique** The Salty Palm

**Brunch** The Tin Top Restaurant & Oyster Bar

**Burger** Bleus Burger Restaurant & Bar **Bushwacker** Pirates Cove Marina & Restaurant

**Charter Boat for Snapper Fishing** Off The Hook Charters

Crab Cake Coast Restaurant

**Deep Sea Charter Fishing** Off The Hook Charters

**Event/Festival at the Beach** Annual National Shrimp Festival

French Fries The Sloop

Fried Seafood Platter DeSoto's Seafood Kitchen

**Furniture** Coco Island Furniture & Accessories

**Gumbo** Sea N Suds

Happy Hour Cobalt, The Restaurant

Inshore Charter Fishing Off The Hook Charters

**Margarita** Cactus Cantina - Gulf Shores

**Marina** Zeke's Landing and Marina

**Outdoor Dining** Coastal Orange Beach

**Oysters** The Tin Top Restaurant & Oyster Bar



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**Art Gallery** Eastern Shore Art Center

**Bar** Flybar

**Boutique** Brown Eyed Girl

**Brunch** East Shore Cafe

**Burger** Bill-E's

**Bushwacker** Original Oyster House

**Cafe** East Shore Cafe

**Crab Cake** Original Oyster House

**Event/Festival** Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival

**Fashion Store** Revolution Resale

**French Fries** Big Daddy's Grill

Fried Seafood Platter Original Oyster House

**Gift Shop** Objects

Handbags/Accessories Private Gallery Boutique

Happy Hour Tamara's Downtown

**Margarita** Agave Cocina Mexicana & Tequila Bar **Outdoor Dining** Sunset Pointe at Fly Creek Marina

**Oysters** Original Oyster House

**Pizza** YPizza

**Place to Take the Kids** You, Me and the Boys Farmstead

**Resort** The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection

**Restaurant for Live Music** Bluegill Restaurant

**Romantic Restaurant** Wash House Restaurant

### <u>Business</u>

Apartment Complex One Club Gulf Shores

Architecture Firm McCollough Architecture

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**Bed & Breakfast** The Original Romar House B & B Inn

**Boat Dealership** Paradise Marine Center

**Boat Repair** Kilker Boatworks

**Boat Storage** Happy Harbor Marina & Dry Storage

#### **Parasailing Boat** Orange Beach Parasail

**Pizza** Crico's Pizza & Subs

**Po-Boy** Original Oyster House Boardwalk

**Resort** Perdido Beach Resort

**Restaurant for Live Music** OSO at Bear Point Harbor

Romantic Restaurant Voyagers

**RV Park** Buena Vista Motor Coach Resort

**Souvenirs** Souvenir City of Gulf Shores

**Vacation Rental Company** Flip Flop Vacations and Real Estate

Venue for Live Music The Wharf Amphitheater



Antique Shopping The Dragonfly Emporium

See the full list of winners throughout this magazine and online at gulfcoastmedia.com/BestOf.

## **Columbia Southern University:** Baldwin County's best kept secret

For more than 30 years, Columbia Southern has been one of the best kept secrets in higher education, right here in Baldwin County. In fact, CSU ranks in the top 1% for affordability based on tuition and fees, making it one of the most affordable, fully online, regionally accredited universities in the U.S.

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**Computer and IT Company** Computer Backup Inc.

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**Condominium Resort** Caribe Resort

**Copy Shop** Printing Zone

Dance Studio Flip City

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**Dive Shop** Down Under Dive Shop

**Dry Cleaners/** Laundromat Robertsdale Laundromat

Electric Company Baldwin EMC **Event Security Company** Tidewater Security Services LLC

**Florist** Blooming Fabulous Flower Shop

**Funeral Home** Hughes Funeral Home and Crematory

**Golf Cart Sales and Service** Sunset Golf Carts LLC

Hair Salon Kaitlyn Boswell -Tangled Up Salon

**Hotel** The Hotel Magnolia

**Insurance Company** The Myrick Agency Foley

Internet Service Provider Riviera Utilities

**Law Firm** King & King Attorneys at Law

**Lumber Company** Gulf Shores Builders Supply

Marine Construction SJ Marine and Sales

Massage Therapist Maguire's Massage

Nail Salon Sculpted Nails by Corrina

**Paving Company** R & S Paving & Grading Inc. Permanent Makeup Gulf Coast Beauty

**Pet Boarding** Sea Paws Dog Resort

**Pet Grooming** Surf'n Pups Mobile Pet Spa

**Piercing Studio** The Empire Tattoo Company

**Property Management Company for HOAs** Waves Association Management

**Real Estate Company** Coastal Home Realty

**Real Estate Licensing Company** Alabama Elite Real Estate School

**Real Estate Team** Top Tier Team - Local Property Inc.

**RV Dealership** White Sands RV

Screen Printing/ Embroidery Shop Shadow Graphic Images

Self-Storage Facility Azalea Avenue Self Storage

Senior Living Community Foley Senior Center

**Sign Company** Printing Zone

**Sod Farm** RiverView Turf Farm

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Volunteers are the heart of Prodisee Pantry! Their energy runs this community ministry. These dedicated volunteers filled hearts with hope and shopping carts full of fresh locally sourced produce, meats, milk and staple food some 10,500 times in 2023. That's over 1.3 million pounds of groceries.

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**Bike Trail** The Backcountry Trail

**Charity Event** Toys For Kids - Christian Service Center

**Church** Summit Church

**Civic Club** Lower Alabama Young Professionals

**Community Event** Elberta German Sausage Festival

**Conservation Group** Graham Creek Nature Preserve

**Escape Room** Waterville USA/Escape House

**Event Entertainment** Hank Duplesis - HD Entertainment

**Event Venue** Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach

**Fire Department** Foley Fire Department

**Go-Karts** The Track - Gulf Shores

**Golf Course** Craft Farms Golf Club

**Law Enforcement Officer** Gina Long Lee - Elberta Police Department

**Library** Foley Public Library **Local Actor** River Hallex

**Local Artist** Tara McMeans

**Local Attraction** Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

Local Author Andy Andrews

**Local Director** Sharon Watson

**Local Musician (Group)** The Destinations

**Local Musician (Individual)** Destiny Brown

Mardi Gras Ball Apollo's Mystic Ladies

Mardi Gras Krewe Maidens in Pink Stilettos

Mardi Gras Parade Apollo's Mystic Ladies

**Mini-Golf** Pirate's Island Adventure Golf

**Movie Theater** CMX Cinemas Pinnacle 14

**Museum** Foley Railroad Museum & Model Train Exhibit

**Nonprofit Organization** Safe Harbor Animal Coalition

**Place for a Birthday Party** Shattered LLC

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**Tattoo Studio** The Empire Tattoo Company

Taxi/Limo Service The Surfside Shuttle

Taxidermy Gateswood Taxidermy

**Technology Consulting** Computer Backup Inc.

**Temp/Employment Agency** Express Employment Professionals

**Tree Service** Hug'em and Cut'em Tree Service

Utility Company Baldwin EMC

**Vacation Rental Company** Flip Flop Vacations and Real Estate

Watersport Rental Bayside Boat Rentals



Amusement Park Tropic Falls at OWA

Arcade The Arcade at OWA

Art Gallery Swiger Studio

#### 3 generations, 100 years of experience means top-quality service at Bluewater Exteriors

Bluewater Exteriors is a home exteriors business based in Foley that was founded by Jimmy Fazekas, a third-generation home improvement professional. Jimmy learned the trade at the young age of 13, installing gutters in North Alabama with his grandfather and father, and he went on to own his own home improvement business there before starting Bluewater Exteriors.

At Bluewater Exteriors, we are proud to have a team of 12 dedicated and skilled employees, including our leadership team that has over 100 years of combined experience. This allows us to offer premium services for seamless gutters, screen enclosures, replacement windows and doors and other exterior home improvement projects. We believe that doing the job right the first time costs less than having to do it over.

It's this commitment to quality and our positive work culture that has earned us the distinction of being voted the Best Gutter Service, Best Screen Enclosure and Best Boss in Baldwin County for Best of Baldwin 2024. We are honored to receive these awards and will continue to work hard to live up to our reputation as the best choice for home exteriors in the Baldwin County area.

#### Let The Myrick Agency equip you with insurance for peace of mind

For more than 20 years, The Myrick Insurance Agency has worked hard to help equip Baldwin County families with the resources they need as they explore insurance for their home and auto, business and belongings. The highly accredited and well-respected firm works with clients on building insurance solutions suitable for their individual and investment needs. As a member of PointeNorth Insurance Group, one of the largest independent insurance agencies in the Southeast, The Myrick Insurance Agency is able to access resources to insure our customers receive the coverage they need at competitive prices.

Conveniently located in Foley on Highway 59 South, The Myrick Insurance Agency holds several valuable accreditations. The Myrick Insurance Agency is a Progressive Platinum Agency and a member of the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the Baldwin County Homeowners Association, the Alabama Independent Agents Association and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber.

The Myrick Insurance Agency offers a variety of insurance options, including home, flood, auto, boat, RV and commercial insurance to fit any budget. By comparing our various product and program offerings, we can work with you to find solutions that help meet your needs.





# AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Place for a Date Jesse's Restaurant

**Place for Kids to Have Fun** Fairhope Public Library

Place to Volunteer Prodisee Pantry

**Police Department** Foley Police Department

**Public Park** Heritage Park

**Retirement Community** The Foley Grove

**RV Park** Pirates Cove Rrrr V Resort

**Theater** South Baldwin Community Theatre

Waterpark Waterville USA

**Youth Arts Training** Pioneer Repertory Theatre

**Youth Theater** South Baldwin Community Theatre

## <u>Education</u>

**Coach** Coach Keyes - St. Benedict Catholic School **College/University** Columbia Southern University

**Elementary School** Florence B. Mathis Elementary School

**High School** Foley High School

Middle School St. Benedict Catholic School

**Online College/ University** Columbia Southern University

**Pre-School** KinderKids Learning Center

**Principal** Shannon McCurdy - Florence B. Mathis Elementary School

**Private School** St. Benedict Catholic School

**ROTC Program** Foley High School

School Administrator Matt Hurst - Florance B. Mathis Elementary School

**School Band** Foley High School

**School Mascot** Little Leo - Foley High School

**School Teacher** Alana Carpenter - Florence B. Mathis Elementary School

### <u>Finance</u>

**Accountant** Johnson, Slaughter, Driver & Northcutt, P.A.

**Bank** Bryant Bank

**Bookkeeper** Jubilee Accounting Solutions LLC

**Credit Union** Alabama Credit Union

**Financial Planner** Bob McDowell - Edward Jones

**Insurance Agency** The Myrick Insurance Agency

**Investment Advisor** Alan Ryals - RFG Advisory

Mortgage/Home Loan Provider Chad Hampton - Movement Mortgage

**Small Loan Company** 1st Franklin Financial

**Tax Preparation** Advantage Business Solutions

**Title Company** Springdale Title LLC



**Asian Food** Ichiban Hibachi & Sushi



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## KinderKids Learning Center leads the way in early childhood education

From acquiring its first location in 2018 to opening its third location in July 2023, KinderKids Learning Center is one of the fastest-growing early childhood education companies in South Alabama. Owners Mike and Johnnie Frost have made it their mission to expand access to licensed quality care, providing families with security and peace of mind while focusing on building a strong educational foundation for students. Backed by a team of over 30 highly trained, dedicated staff, their program exudes excellence and their name is synonymous with quality early childhood learning.

KinderKids is known for many things, including its long-standing First Class Pre-K program, advanced curriculum and teaching strategies and family partnerships. Their mission to provide early learning opportunities to all students, achieved through access to subsidy programs that offset the cost of care for families in need. There is a strong emphasis placed on

family engagement, helping parents to understand their child's development and extend learning at home. Their staff recognizes the importance of partnering with families to ensure student success, and parents agree the level of personal attention is what sets KinderKids Learning Center apart.

KinderKids works with groups at the local and state level to provide enhanced program features. Programs such as Gulf



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Regional Early Childhood Services, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education and United Cerebral Palsy provide additional support to classroom teachers as well as professional development to ensure teachers are trained on best practices and innovative teaching techniques. They also partner with

the Baldwin County Teacher Cadet program to recruit and offer employment, apprenticeship and tuition assistance to graduating seniors. They are proud sponsors of community groups like Daphne SEEDS and the Baldwin County Education Coalition because they understand the importance of investing in our schools and future leaders.

KinderKids realizes the importance of early childhood education on working families, advocating for ECE at the local, state and national level. Johnnie is passionate about seeing staff as professionals and gaining recognition for their vital role in supporting the workforce. By

participating in focus groups, meeting with elected officials and working with state and national advocacy groups, the KinderKids impact is greater than just Baldwin County. Instead, they are leading the way for change in the field, including a greater focus on licensing regulations, increased quality, better teacher pay and access to affordable care.

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#### Express Employment Professionals: A Decade and More of Excellence in Serving Our Community

In 2006, Chris and Angela Ashcraft had a vision to revolutionize the employment landscape in our region, leading to the establishment of Express Employment Professionals. Over the years, this familyowned franchise company has become an integral part of our community on both sides of the bay, serving job seekers and employers alike with dedication and expertise.

Since its inception, the Ashcraft Express Employment Professional offices have expanded their footprint, now boasting offices in Mobile, AL Summerdale, AL, Orange Beach, AL, Valparaiso, FL, Panama City, FL, Tallahassee, FL, and LaGrange, GA.

Express Employment Professionals has become synonymous with reliability and success in the employment industry. Specializing in individuals with rewarding matching opportunities and providing businesses with top-notch staffing solutions, the company offers a diverse range of job openings in administrative/office services, industrial, skilled trades, logistics, manufacturing, aerospace, and hospitality fields. They also operate the Specialized Recruiting Group, or SRG, which focuses on professional candidates. Express takes pride in its deep understanding of the local job market. With roots firmly planted in the community since 2006, no one knows the employment landscape in Baldwin County and surrounding areas better than them. Express has a unique insight into the specific needs and trends of our region.



Looking for a new role, or looking for your next hire? Contact Express!

The Baldwin County office, led by the dedicated manager Haydn Heinen since 2014, has thrived and earned the prestigious title of an award-winning silver office. This recognition reflects the team's commitment to excellence and their continuous efforts to exceed expectations. The business development in Baldwin County is spearheaded by the accomplished Top 50 Sales Rep, Katrese Roberson, who has been an integral part of the Express family since 2014.



Along with winning Best of Baldwin's Best Temp/Employment Agency, Express was voted the Best Staffing Company in the most recent Nappies for Baldwin & Mobile County. Express is not just a staffing agency and payroll company; it's a long-standing trusted partner for both job seekers and employers. The team's personalized approach and communityfocused mindset have created lasting relationships with thousands of businesses in the region.

Whether you are a potential client in search of skilled professionals or an individual looking for employment opportunities, the Express team is here to assist you. To explore numerous possibilities and engage with their team of professionals, give them a call at (251) 989-5500.





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### Experience the culinary renaissance at Portabella's in Foley, Baldwin's Best Italian Food

Rich and Pam Lee have taken the helm of this beloved restaurant in historic downtown Foley, infusing their decades of experience with a love for Italian cuisine.

Rich's four-decade culinary career included a journey as the lone cook for 17 Merchant Marines, taking him around the world and igniting his passion for the culinary arts. After his time in the Coast Guard, Rich's journey led him to New Orleans, where he trained chefs who would be stationed on oil rigs as the executive chef for Sodexo. From there, Rich became the executive chef at Antoine's Restaurant, New Orleans' oldest culinary institution.

The Lees' path to Portabella's was a fortuitous one, inspired by a simple phone call from a friend. Tyler Higginbotham, owner of 5 Star Air Conditioning and a loyal patron of the restaurant, mentioned its imminent closure and that it was for sale. The Lees had fond memories of dining at Portabella's and decided to seize the opportunity.

While the menu remains largely unchanged, Rich has introduced his culinary flair through special dishes. Pam emphasizes that the classics have not been tampered with, but there have been a couple of enhancements, including to the French onion soup. Based on customer requests, we added gluten-free pasta and pizza.

In our first year of new ownership, we are thrilled and beyond honored that our customers, both loyal and new, have voted us Best Italian Food for 2024 in Best of Baldwin!

We take immense pride in the remarkable team that works diligently to ensure you savor the highest quality of food with every visit. Committed to the art of Italian cuisine, our team is fueled by passion, dedication and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Our chefs source the finest ingredients, masterfully blend spices and perfect cooking techniques to deliver an unforgettable dining experience. Our friendly and attentive servers are here to guide you through our menu, suggest the perfect wine pairing and ensure your needs are met with a smile. Our kitchen staff works tirelessly, orchestrating a symphony of flavors, ensuring every dish is prepared to perfection and presented beautifully. Behind the scenes, our support staff keeps the restaurant running smoothly so your focus remains solely on the dishes and your company.



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#### Bagels **Bagel Boy**

Bar Doc Holliday's

BBQ Moe's Original BBQ - Foley

**Beef Jerky** Buc-ee's

**Breakfast** Another Broken Egg Cafe

Brewery **Big Beach Brewing Company** 

Brunch The Tin Top Restaurant & **Oyster Bar** 

Burger **Fish River Grill** 

Cajun Food Café Acadiana

**Cakes and Desserts** A Sweet Secret Bakery & Cafe

Caribbean Food Desmond's Taste of Jamaica

Catering L.A. Barbeque

**Coffee Shop Reveille Express Coffee** 

Deli The Beli - The Original Beach Deli

Donuts Lickin Good Donuts - Foley

**Family Restaurant** DeSoto's Seafood Kitchen

**Farmers Market** Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market

Fast Food Chick-fil-A

**Food Delivery Service** Time to Eat The Beach

Food Truck Gulf Coast Roast

**French Fries** Five Guys

Fried Chicken Roadkill Cafe

Fried Shrimp Wolf Bay Restaurant at Foley

**Frozen Dessert** Whit's Frozen Custard of Daphne

**Grocery Store** Rouses Market

Gumbo Wolf Bay Restaurant at Foley

**Happy Hour** Alley Cat Alley

**Health Food** BB's Health Foods

Hot Dog Wacked Out Weiner - Foley

Ice Cream Spoonz Rolled Ice Cream Italian Food Portabella's

**Mexican Food** La Casita Fresh Mex Grill

Milkshake Stacey's Olde Tyme Soda Fountain

New Restaurant (**Opened** in 2023) Jesse's On The Bay

**Onion Rings** Pirates Cove

Pizza Mamma Mia! Pizzeria

**Po-Boys** Fish River Grill

**Poke Bowl** Poke Bowl Sushi Burrito & Boba - Foley

Popcorn Annie's Gourmet Popcorn

Salads Wolf Bay Restaurant at Foley

Sandwiches Gelato Joe's Italian **Restaurant & Bar** 

Seafood Market Shrimp on the Go! Seafood Market

Seafood Restaurant Wolf Bay Restaurant at Foley

**Shrimp and Grits** The Tin Top Restaurant & Oyster Bar

### Baldwin EMC serves and grows with that community since 1937

Baldwin EMC is proud to be selected as Baldwin County's favorite electric company and utility company. We've been working since 1937 to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members and to improve the quality of life in our communities. It's not only a passion of ours – it's our mission.

We are one of the fastest-growing electric cooperatives in the nation because we serve one of the fastest growing counties. That's why Baldwin EMC has consistently been among the first utilities in the region to incorporate technology like our advanced metering infrastructure, our member service app, paperless billing, GPS mapping for equipment and much, much more. We were also the very first utility company in the area to have a 24-hour control center, complete with a roundthe-clock outage management system.

A fast-growing community deserves a consistently evolving, cutting edge electric utility. That's why after more than 20 years with the same branding, we refreshed our logo to reflect a modern look for a modern cooperative.

We've come a long way, but we never forget where we started or who helped us get where we are. For 86 years, every pole, every mile of line, every flip of a light switch has been made possible by your support. Without you, there is no us.

Thank you for votes and for allowing us to serve you!

## Come try the Best Tuna Dip in town

Thank you so much for voting us Best Tuna Dip in Baldwin County! For 13 years, we have had happy customers come back to us from all over the country. They always make sure to come by for our delicious smoked tuna dip, which we smoke right here at our seafood market and kitchen.

At S & S Seafood Market, our goal is to provide you with the absolute best in fresh and cooked seafood. We feature an award-winning menu with an extensive selection of locally harvested seafood. From the bold flavors of our freshfrom-the-boat seafood to our outstanding service, we are committed to being the very best!

Please stop by, say hi and try ou Famous Tuna Dip or talk to our experts about recommendations on cooking fresh seafood from our market. We also have a full menu from grilled or fried shrimp and fish to full seafood boils that you can view on our Facebook page or at Seafoodbytheseashore.com. COOKED YOUR WAY TO-GO!



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Best Tuna Dip

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# AND THE WINNERS ARE...

**Cabinet Shop/Cabinetry** Fountain Construction & Cabinetry

Carpet Cleaning Floor Medic

**Contractor** Stockton Construction LLC

**Countertop Installation** Island Stone

**Deck/Porch Installer** Bizjak's Quality Fences & Decks

**Decorative Stone** Island Granite

**Electrician Services** AO Electric Company

**Fence Installation Company** Fencing Unlimited Service

Flooring/Carpet Store Pfeffer Floor Covering

Garden Store/Nursery Cooper Farm

**Glass and Mirror Services** Jubilee Shower Doors

**Gutter Service** Bluewater Exteriors

Handyman Company Jim Minton - Minton Handyman Service LLC

Heat and Air Conditioning Pride HVAC LLC

Home Improvement Store Eastern Shore Ace Hardware

Home Security Company First Choice Security LLC Interior Decorator Olivia Skipper Living

Junk Removal The Dumpster Guy

**Kitchen Remodeler** Kade Laws Interior Design

**Landscaper** Oasis Lawn Maintenance

Lawncare Service T.Heard Landscaping

**Lighting and Fans** Southern Antiques and Accents

Mold Treatment Floor Medic

Moving Company About The Move

**New Home Construction** Ben Murphy Company

**Painting Company** Uncle D's Renovations

**Pest Control** Rogue Pest Solutions

Plumbing/Septic Service Classic Plumber

**Pool Construction** Kaiser Pools

**Pool Maintenance** All American Pool Service

**Pressure Washing** Deluxe Exterior Cleanerz

Roofing Company Roof Savers LLC

Screen Enclosure Bluewater Exteriors

**Smoothie** Soul Bowlz - Foley

**Specialty Market** Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market

**Sports Bar** Groovy Goat

**Steak** Big Mike's Steakhouse

**Sushi** Big Fish Restaurant

**Sweet Tea** The Copper Kettle Tea Bar

**Takeout** Sarah's Homemade

**Tea Shop** The Copper Kettle Tea Bar

**Tuna Dip** S&S Seafood Market

Wine Selection Rouses Market

Wings Island Wing Company

### Home Improvement

Appliance Repairs Dryer Vent Wizard

**Bathroom Remodeler** Randi Wilson - Wilson Interiors LLC

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## LANGSTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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## Thank you for voting Dr. Adam Langston Best of Baldwin's Best Veterinarian

At Langston Animal Hospital, we know the health and happiness of your pet is of utmost importance. Our veterinarians and staff are devoted to staying on top of the latest diagnostics, treatments and wellness programs to maintain your pet's optimal health. Let's work together to keep your beloved furry friend happy and healthy!

In addition to being the official hospital of the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, we provide veterinary care to pets from all along the Alabama Gulf Coast and Florida Panhandle, including Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Foley, Lillian, Elberta, Magnolia Springs, Point Clear, Fairhope, Summerdale, Robertsdale, Perdido, Perdido Key and Pensacola. We also welcome those visiting our area from out of town on vacation and/or for seasonal residency.

Dr. Niesje Langston and Dr. Adam Langston provide state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic medical care to dogs, cats, exotic pets and additional companion animals in a compassionate, professional manner. With over 39 years of combined experience, the Langstons are dedicated to giving their clients unparalleled service and enhancing the health and well-being of your furry family members.

We are committed to being there for you when you need

us most and are proud to offer extended office hours, including Saturdays and 24/7 on-call emergency services. Langston Animal Hospital is always here for you. Whether you are an existing client or new to our practice, we strive to offer flexible scheduling and convenient appointment times. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Our hospital offers a wide range of veterinary services for pets in the following areas:

• Pet wellness and vaccination programs to prevent illnesses;

• Animal medical services for diagnosing and treating health conditions;

• Pet surgery including spay and neuter;

• Pet dental cleanings and treatment to avoid serious dental diseases;

• We service exotic creatures such as tigers, lions, goats, sheep, lemurs; and

• Many more!

If you're ready to see our expert veterinary team in Gulf Shores Alabama, call Langston Animal Hospital today at (251) 943-8161, or make an appointment at www. langstonanimalhospital.com.

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your life best. RFG Advisory is honored to be named a Top 100 RIA in the Nation by Forbes | Shook Research\*. Thank you for voting Alan Ryals for Best of Baldwin for the third year in a row\*\*!

#### Meet our team

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# AND THE WINNERS ARE...

**Stump Grinding** Prime Time Stump Grinding

Window Covering SWAG Window Designs

**Window Installation** Kicking Some Glass

#### <u>Medical</u>

Acupuncture One Life Chiaropractic

Audiologist Coastal Alabama Hearing

Cardiologist Cardiology Associates

**CBD Shop** Seedless Green - Hemp, Delta 8 & CBD Dispensary

**Children's Dentist** Dr. Trey's Children's Dentistry

**Chiropractor** Family Tree Chiropractic

**Cosmetic Surgery** Baldwin GYN & Aesthetics

Dentistry/Cosmetic Dentistry Ferrell Family Dental

**Dermatologist** Haley Dermatology

Ear, Nose & Throat Dr. William Norris

**Emergency Care** AlphaCare Urgent Care

**Eyeglass Store** Robertsdale Eye Care **Family Practice** Nicole Bodine, CRNP - Coastal Family Medicine

**Fitness Center/Gym** 9Round Kickboxing Fitness

**General Surgery** Willis T. Nichols, MD

Hospice Care SouthernCare - Daphne

**Hospital** Thomas Hospital

In-Home Care CenterWell Home Health

Laser/Skin Care Nikki McNab Aesthetics

**Martial Arts Studio** Wheeles Karate & Jiu Jitsu

**Mental Health Counselor** Whit Stephens - Coastal Alabama Counseling LLC

Nutritionist Nathan Eaton

**OB-GYN** R. Craig Brown, D.O.

**Occupational Therapy** BenchMark Physical Therapy

**Optometrist** Dr. Joe Harrell - Premier Medical Group

**Oral Surgeon** David Minto DMD, MD - Minto Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Orthodontist Island Orthodontics

Orthopedic Surgeons The Orthopaedic Group

Pediatric Therapy The Spot Clinic

#### **Pediatrics**

Paula S. Drummond, MD -Eastern Shore Children's Clinic

**Personal Trainer** Whitney McCaskill

**Pharmacy** Lee Drug Store Inc

**Physical Therapist** Refine PT and Performance

**Podiatrist** Debra Gibson, DPM - South Baldwin Podiatry

**Psychiatrist/ Psychologist** Nan Elkins

Senior Care Foley Senior Center

Speech-Language Pathology/Speech Therapy Jessalyn Loy, MS CCC- SLP/L

Weight Loss/Wellness Nate Eaton

**Yoga Studio** The Studio at South Alabama Physiotherapy

#### **Professionals**

**Bartender** Gigi Avery - Doc Holliday's

**Charter Boat Captain** Perry Davis - Off the Hook Charters

**Chef** Brody Olive - Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort

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# A peaceful getaway with historic roots awaits at The Original Romar House B&B Inn

Alabama's first seaside bed and breakfast inn has received a small part of the charm, romance and simplicity that drew people to the beach decades ago. As one of the first houses built in 1924 by two men, Spurgeon Roche and Carl "Zeke" Martin, the house and the beach uses the first letters of their name "ROMAR." The Inn features over 100-year-old doors from New Orleans on each guest room and turned sideways as wainscoting on the downstairs hall. Historical stained-glass windows, each with a unique story, antique brass fixtures and handpicked furniture carefully chosen from the period of when the house was built decorate the entire interior. The original picnic table built at the home in 1926 by Mr. Roche and his architect friend stands in the kitchen today.

The Original Romar House will transport you to a world of warmth and relaxation. Experience the roar of the crashing waves and the delicate mist of the warm sea as the tide rolls in. Drag your toes through the warm and soothing sand. Whether you are seeking a peaceful retreat, a romantic



getaway or simply want to experience a natural wonder, you will find what you are looking for at the Original Romar House Bed and Breakfast Inn.

# Discover attainable luxury for your living space with Olivia Skipper

Olivia's passion for fashion and interiors has been a guiding light throughout her life. Inspired by her talented mother, an interior designer herself, Olivia witnessed the remarkable transformation of a Victorianera home, igniting her own artistic passion.

Her love for design has taken Olivia on a journey that spans the globe. She draws inspiration from her world travels and her years spent living in the Caribbean islands with her husband, Eddie. Now, surrounded by the captivating beauty of turquoise waters, white-sand beaches and the laidback island lifestyle on the Gulf Coast, Olivia has found the perfect harmony between coastal elegance and modern aesthetics.

As an experienced designer with over 14 years of industry expertise, Olivia's creative brilliance shines through her coastal modern masterpieces along the Gulf Coast.



With a deep understanding of custom furniture, fabrics, remodeling and space planning, she approaches design challenges and transforms her clients' spaces into havens of livable, attainable luxury.

With her husband and their three beautiful daughters, Olivia embraces the "island life" on the captivating Alabama Gulf Coast. They cherish the vibrant community they call home, infusing the coastal beauty they admire into every project.

Guided by her unwavering commitment to excellence, Olivia Skipper is renowned for her ability to elevate her clients' living experiences, creating sanctuaries that transcend ordinary design.

When you partner with Olivia, you'll experience the transformative power of her coastal-inspired vision and forever change the way you experience your living space.

### Thank you for voting

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### Thank you for voting RiverView Turf 2024's Best Sod Farm!

RiverView Turf has roots that date back to 1880. when the Lipscomb family began farming the area near Magnolia Springs.

Through life lessons, changing times and changing markets, this family farm has adapted and maintained to become one of the leading turf producers in the Southeast. Doug Lipscomb, president, takes a handson leadership position and oversees all production and quality control. JLS has been primarily known for their quality produce, such as potatoes used in the potato chip industry and sweet corn sold throughout the United States each June. Other crop farming endeavors have included corn, soybeans, peanuts, wheat and cotton.

As the landscape of farming changed, so did JLS. Demand was for a quality turf producer that could encompass all the needs of the turf industry to produce, market and deliver a quality product in the different forms the market necessitated. RiverView Turf was formed as the turf division of JLS to grow and market Centipede, St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia sod. As demand grew, so did our acreage. James Lipscomb and Sons Farms (JLS) is now the sixth generation to take on this endeavor, today maintaining 1,200 acres of sod in active growth, carefully controlled for nutrient supply and prevention of disease, weeds and insects.

By having a full farming operation, we can rotate our grass crops with other crops that we can spray out and treat for weeds and foreign grasses, which we could not do in growing grass crops only. This gives our grass a unique quality to be cleaner and sturdier than most grass on the market. This has been one of our mainstays in producing the top-quality product that we have pledged to our customers.



The RiverView Turf difference

Our quality control measures surpass most farms throughout the Southeast, and our commitment to quality is such that we will not sell product that doesn't meet our rigorous standards. RiverView Turf sells sod by the pallet, slabs, mini rolls and 42-inch big rolls. We have proven to our customers we will adapt to the market demands while maintaining top quality. Always,

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Family Law Attorney The Law Office of Cathryn Mulder

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**Loan Officer** Vicky Pitts Barr Group Mortgage

Makeup Artist Morgan Duplesis - Beauty Mo'd

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**Pet Trainer** Animal Aide **Photographer** Christopher Dickhute - Piece of Cake Video LLC

**Private Investigator** Baldwin Legal Investigations

**Real Estate Agent** Reagan Davis, Keller Williams

**Real Estate Appraisal** Denny Sands - Sands Inc. Real Estate Appraisals

Real Estate Closing Attorney Professional Land Title

**Real Estate Inspection** Home Boss Inspection

**Real Estate Photographer** Christopher Dickhute - Piece of Cake Video LLC

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Wedding Photographer Jessi Casara Photography

#### **Shopping & Commerce**

Antique Store Red Beard's Treasure Chest

Appliance Store Benson's Appliance Center

Bait and Tackle Shop Beach Bum Outdoors

Bath & Beauty Store Fairhope Soap Company

**Beachwear** Too Hot Mamas **Bookstore** Page & Palette

**Boutique** Willow Lane Boutique

**Bridal Shop** Anthony's Bridal Boutique & Tuxedo Central

**Camping Supplies** Campbell Hardware & Sporting Goods

**Children's Clothing** Cooper Twins Consignment

**Collectables Store** Action Game and Movie

**Consignment** Cooper Twins Consignment

**Feed Store** Elberta Farmers Co-Op

Fine Art Store Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach

Furniture Store Direct Furniture

Garden Center Elberta Farmers Co-Op

**Gas Station** Buc-ee's

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We owe a special thank you to the many contractors, architects and vendors whose collaboration and partnerships have depended on Gulf Shores Builders Supply for many years. They keep us aware of the latest building technologies and designs for every element. From structural materials to fasteners, plumbing and electrical, these long-term relationships allow us to provide the South Baldwin County community with architectural grade selections and quality customer service not available in chain stores.

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The amazing 9Round team is with you every day of your transformation. Whitney McCaskill, our director of operations, the winner of best personal trainer in this year's Best of Baldwin, started as a member first then joined the team at the beginning of 2020 and has grown a wealth of knowledge in the health and fitness industry. She is always working closely with our team to ensure the best service and care for each of our members. We look forward to kicking with you soon.





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- (Left to right) Lillie B., Graphic Designer, Zenno T., CSA, Kris D., Daphne Manager, Sarah B., Marketing Director, Tim M., CSA, Cory J., Daphne Assistant Manager at the Daphne, AL location. (photo by Chad Riley Photography)

# fashion on the Eastern Shore

Welcome to Revolution Resale, the premier destination for consignment clothing on the Eastern Shore. Established nearly eight years ago with a passion for sustainable fashion and a dedication to redefining style, Revolution has developed a loyal following of earth-friendly customers and consignors who earned us Best of Baldwin's Best Fashion Store on the Eastern Shore. We offer a carefully curated selection of men's and women's clothing featuring top-quality consignment pieces that embody both style and sustainability.

At Revolution Resale, we believe fashion should be both expressive and eco-conscious. Our collection showcases a diverse range of styles, from timeless classics to contemporary trends, and an extensive selection of long and short formal dresses, all at accessible prices. Whether you're searching for a statement piece to elevate your wardrobe or looking to embrace a more sustainable approach to fashion, our dedicated team is here to guide you through our thoughtfully assembled selection.

Revolution provides an opportunity for individuals to consign their pre-loved garments, fostering a community-driven approach to fashion. By extending the lifespan of clothing and reducing fashion waste, we aim to inspire a revolution in the way we perceive and consume style. Step into Revolution and experience the intersection of fashion, sustainability and community.

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#### Thank you for voting Cathryn Mulder Best Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney!

Simply put, I believe in working hard and helping people. My mom, who is also an attorney, was an incredible role model. She taught me the importance of helping those who can't help themselves. I joined her locally owned law firm in 2013, and I have been involved in hundreds of cases since. I was eventually able to open my own firm in 2022. From complicated criminal cases to rewarding adoption cases, I see it all. But it's the specialty court cases that have my heart. Specifically, Drug Court and Mental Health Court. These courts have been developed to help those with drug addiction and mental health diagnoses receive appropriate treatment and ultimately stay out of the criminal justice system. It's an incredibly rewarding position that truly helps so many. I am honored to be chosen as 2024 Best of Baldwin's Best Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney. Thank you, Baldwin County, for your votes!





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We want to highlight the individual accomplishments of your voted #1 salesman, Wade Odom. Wade was born here in Baldwin County and has been serving your vehicle needs for over nine years. He enjoys helping and serving the community. Positivity is a big part of his goals in life, no matter the situation. Come by and meet Wade; you'll see why he was voted Best of Baldwin.

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We are constantly striving to improve and will continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

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As a native to Baldwin County, Wade has been a Sales Consultant for two years at Sandy Sansing CDJR of Foley and seven years previously at Gulf Chrysler. He wouldn't be in this position if it weren't for the support of his wife Magen and two sons Roman and Jaxon. Before pursuing this great career, Wade managed restaurants (Cactus Cantina), served in law enforcement (Foley Police Dept.), and spent many years in Industrial printing. Wade always enjoyed working with and serving people. With this job, Wade gets a chance to do both.





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With compassion and expert care, our doctors and staff are dedicated to helping our patients return to active, healthy lifestyles. Our specialties cover a wide range of orthopaedic conditions, including fractures, sprains, sports injuries, joint replacements and more. Our locations are equipped with the latest technology and equipment to ensure accurate and efficient diagnoses, and our physicians are affiliated with some of the top hospitals in the region, which means they have access to the best resources for the treatment of complex conditions.

Patients notice the difference at our clinics with our focus on patient-centered care. We believe in building strong relationships with our patients, taking the time to

explain diagnoses, treatment options and potential risks and benefits to their patients. We also encourage patients to ask questions and be actively involved in their care.

When it comes to orthopaedic conditions, no treatment plan is one size fits all. Our providers offer a wide range of non-surgical treatment options, including physical therapy and occupational therapy. We understand surgery may not always be the best option and ensure we explore non-invasive options, if possible, with an emphasis on personalized treatment plans.

In addition to our clinical expertise, The Orthopaedic Group, P.C. is committed to giving back to our community. We proudly support our local high school athletic teams, youth league sports, local nonprofits and medical missions.

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### Noel B. Leonard, more than an attorney

For almost 20 years, Noel B. Leonard has been practicing personal injury law as well as aiding people in planning their wills and estates. Noel is married to his wife, Rebeca, and has two grown children as well as a very spoiled dog, Layla. Noel was raised in Alabama and loves traveling the world. He speaks



three languages and sign language. He assists the Latino communities in Baldwin, Mobile and Escambia counties with legal matters, as he is one of the only Spanish-speaking lawyers in Baldwin County. He is passionate about ensuring his clients receive the best legal representation and has dedicated his career to just that. From the negotiation with insurance companies to helping lower medical costs after settlement, Noel stands by his clients for the duration of the case.

Noel is an avid motorcycle enthusiast and enjoys his free time riding along the coastline. Sometimes, you can even find him and his son surfing at the beach. He and his wife participate in many community organizations and sponsor local school sport teams. The law firm of Noel B. Leonard will work tirelessly for their clients and will do whatever it takes to make difficult situations easier for all involved. He understands the importance of being an ally to those in need, no matter the circumstance. When you seek assistance from Noel, you will not just gain a knowledgeable, experienced attorney, but you will also gain a friend. Noel will continue to proudly serve his community and dedicate his time to its needs.



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Beyond being just a store, BB's is a wellness destination. We empower you with quality products, educational resources and unwavering support. Your first step to optimal health starts at BB's – a holistic sanctuary where every product, every choice and every interaction enhances your wellbeing. Join us on this transformative path, and let BB's be your partner in achieving a healthier, happier lifestyle.

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#### **Rouses Markets: a trusted legacy of quality**

When pushing your cart up and down the aisles of your local Rouses Markets, you've likely come across Rouses Markets-branded products, ranging from eggs and bread to authentic Italian gelatos and sodas.

Rouses Markets established its own brand in 2008, but its focus on expanding the product range began in earnest in 2017. Today, they offer almost 1,000 items, or SKUs (pronounced "skews"). SKU stands for stock keeping unit, and it is how grocery stores like Rouses Markets identify and manage their inventory, or stock.

The Rouses Markets brand offers the best quality at the best price. it is a real value, and you won't find it anywhere else. It has a dedicated following, and not just because of the price, which averages much lower than the national brand without sacrificing quality. Customers have their favorite products, just like they have their favorite Rouses Market locations.

The purchasing team actively seeks out distinctive items, aiming not only to bring local products to a wider audience but also to discover the finest products from various communities and introduce them across the company's stores. Donny Rouse, the CEO and grandson of the founder Anthony J. Rouse Sr., emphasizes their local and global approach, stating, for products already mastered on the Gulf Coast, such as jambalaya, gumbo and fish fries, that they collaborate with local vendors who understand how to season their offerings for the Gulf Coast palate: "When you're working with local

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suppliers, you're helping local companies; you're helping create jobs in the local community, helping boost the local economy."

Conversely, "we're also willing to explore anywhere in the world for the best products. For instance, when it comes to our gelato and Italian sodas, our buyers ventured to Italy."

It has been 64 years since Anthony J. Rouse Sr. opened his first store in Houma, Louisiana. The strength of the Rouses Markets brand, forged through entrepreneurship and supplier relationships, instills confidence in shoppers.

"It takes a lot of effort to earn our seal of approval," Rouse said. "That's why we say, if our name is on the label, you can trust that it's good."

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# Discover Caribe Resort: Orange Beach's hidden gem

ORANGE BEACH – Tucked away on a stunning 30-acre peninsula, where the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico meet the shores of Perdido Bay, lies a vacation paradise: Caribe Resort. This hidden gem in Orange Beach stands out for its unparalleled amenities, setting a benchmark for island lodging.

#### A sanctuary of water and luxury

The resort's luxury accommodations provide more than just a place to stay; they are an invitation to enjoy over 40,000 square feet of dedicated water amenities. Guests can choose from six uniquely designed pools, a rejuvenating lazy river, soothing hot tubs and a splash pad for kids.

#### Beyond the water's edge

However, the allure of Caribe Resort extends beyond its pools. Sports enthusiasts can revel in the wellmaintained tennis courts, while those seeking relaxation can unwind in the saunas and steam rooms. The mini-arcade offers endless family entertainment, and 72 BEST OF BALDWIN 2024 the private trolley service ensures easy access to the white-sand beach. Culinary delights await at the resort's on-site restaurant, Cobalt, which was voted the No. 1 seafood restaurant on the Gulf Coast. For those bringing a boat, a complimentary boat slip is available for your stay.

#### Sun, fun and more

Adventure and leisure blend seamlessly at Caribe Resort. The newly renovated 18-hole mini-golf course offers family-friendly fun, while traditional yard games like cornhole and horseshoe provide a taste of nostalgic joy. The full-service marina is a gateway to the Gulf, offering dolphin cruises, charter fishing trips and boat rentals that are just a stone's throw away.

#### A vacation to remember

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#### George Loukatos, MD

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