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TRADITION AND LEGACY

LINDA WILLIFORD

In 1973, Charlie and Sandra Wrape started out as owners of a little bar-club small diner located on Wolf Bay in Elberta called Wolf Bay Lodge. Although it was nestled among the trees off the beaten path, it soon became one of the favorite places for locals and area visitors. However, in 2008, the original lodge was destroyed by fire. Later, Wolf Bay Lodge was reopened in two new locations – Foley and Orange Beach.

Whitney Haber-Kelley is a third generation of the family business and works as General Manager at the Orange Beach location and oversees both the Foley and Orange Beach stores. Whitney said, "We are a very close family. My mother, Charlene Haber, is

now the owner and has taken the business to the next step. She continues the tradition and legacy of my grandparents." Not only do they serve quality seafood from the Gulf Coast, but they serve food from the family's original recipes.

Whitney said, "Our most popular appetizer is the signature Cha Cha's Crab Meat Dip. My grandmother's recipe for the Seafood Gumbo is also everyone's favorite." Shrimp and Grits with smoked Gouda cheese are a very popular item. For land lovers, they have a menu for chicken entrees, as well as Black Angus beef tenderloin and Black Angus ribeye. Whitney said, "We have such a great variety on our menu that there will always be something that the guests will like."

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Wolf Bay Restaurant won awards from The Best of Baldwin in 2024 in four categories: Best Fried Shrimp, Best Gumbo, Best Seafood Restaurant, and Best Salads.

"The salad bar has a little story of its own," said Chanda Hurley, general manager of the Foley store. They give credit to Barb Mullally, an employee who managed the salad bar for many years and worked for the business for over 28 years. "She is responsible for adding tuna and chicken salads, pasta and broccoli salads, and other salad favorites to the bar. She retired a couple of years ago. And now Paige Waters, trained under Barb, is the new manager of the salad bar who will keep it to our high standards."

Chanda emphasized, "We have longevity with employees here at Wolf Bay because we are family-oriented and work well together as a team." Their two head chefs, Paul Abel, and Brandy McGill, have been with the restaurants for years. They are self-taught, and their excellent cuisine can speak for itself. Ms. Bell, a 90-year-old employee, has been with the company for 30 years. She and other

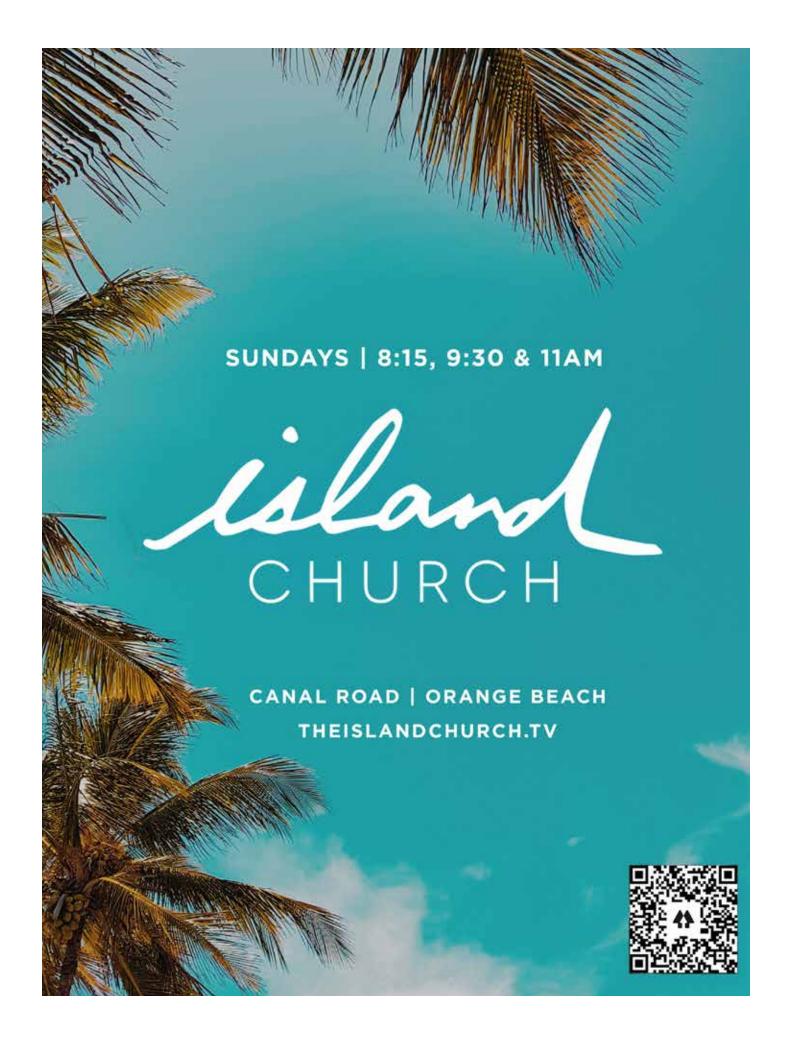
employees come in and peel, devein, and butterfly hundreds of pounds of shrimp a week. "Our customer service is awesome, too," Chanda said. "We try to give our guests that satisfying and pleasant dining experience at Wolf Bay."

Wolf Bay Restaurant is a community player. They donate and have partnerships with schools, churches, and other organizations within the community. "We try to always be involved in what is giving back," said Whitney. When the hurricane hit this year in North Carolina, Wolf Bay Restaurant staff and guests raised over \$10,000 to send as aid.

Be sure to explore The Boutique at Wolf Bay at their Foley location, filled with home décor and gift items. They also cater for events. And if you are a fisherman, bring in your catch, and they will cook it any way you like.

Go to www.wolfbaylodge.com. Or call 251-987-5129. Foley location: 20801 Miflin Road (County Road 20), Orange Beach location: 24131 Perdido Beach Blvd.

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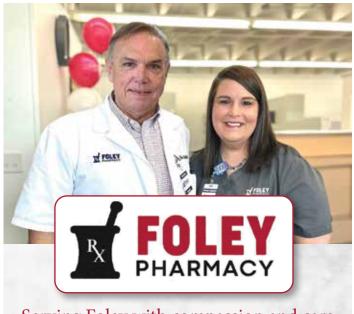
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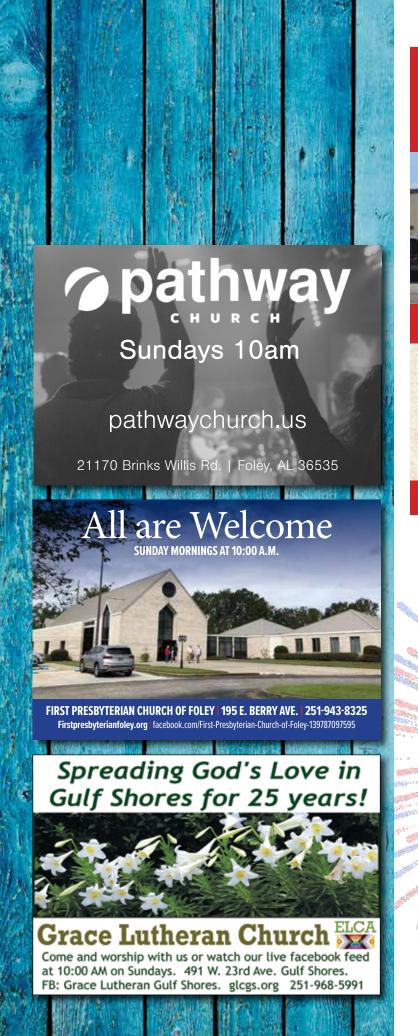
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Welcome to 2025—a perfect opportunity for us, as a community, to turn our resolutions and plans into reality. Foley Local, with the support of local businesses, has uncovered valuable strategies to make achieving our goals simpler and more attainable. Dive into the following paragraphs for inspiring ideas and resources designed to elevate our 2025, whether we're focusing on finances, health, or other vital areas of our lives. Let's make this year our best yet, together.

SPIRITUAL

New Year, New You! As we step into this new year, let us embrace the opportunity for renewal and growth in our faith. This is a time to reflect on the blessings of the past and to trust in God's plan for the future. With His guidance, we can overcome challenges and step boldly into the new beginnings He offers. Let us commit to becoming the people He has called us to be, living with purpose, grace, and a renewed spirit in 2025.

Freddy Todd, Foley Campus Pastor Pathway Church

WELLNESS

As you head into the new year, prioritize your health by scheduling annual wellness visits, staying on top of preventative screenings, and getting your flu shot and other essential vaccinations. Don't forget to stay connected with loved ones and engage in activities that bring joy, as emotional health is just as important as physical health. Start the year strong by making your health a top priority!

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