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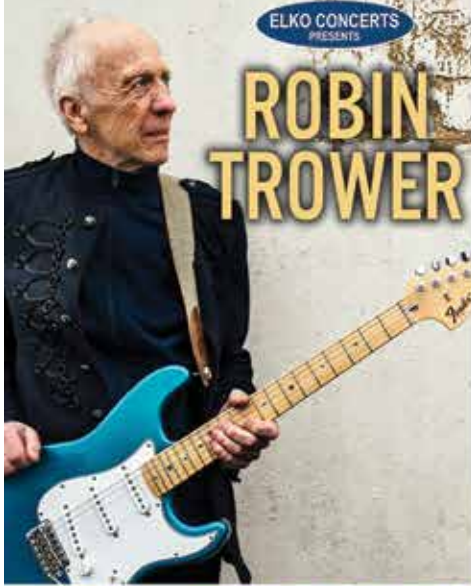
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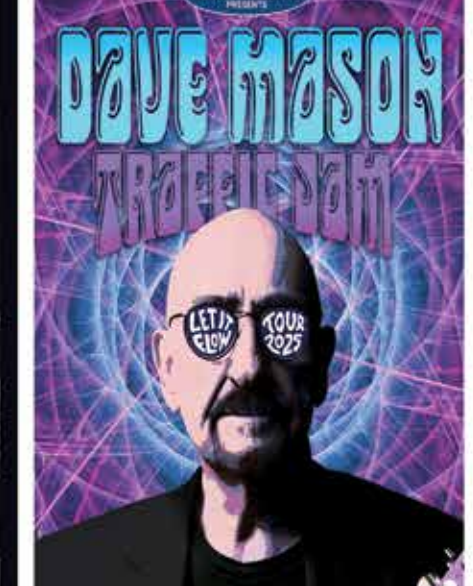
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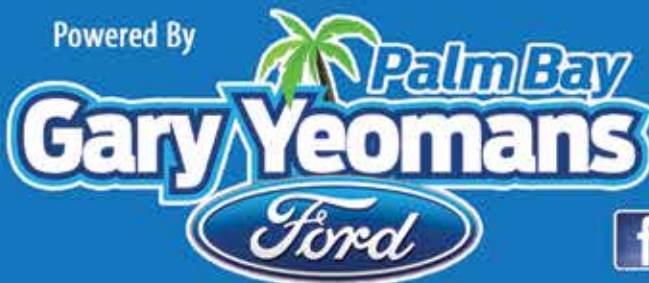
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Owner Andrew Bunin is looking back on 20 years of Sandbar business. "I'm living the American Dream," he says with a big smile. He's not the only one who has been having a great time, his customers have been enjoying 20 years of beach and party life along with him.

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Cold January sunset colors on Lake Washington.

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February 15, 7:30pm
Vero Beach Blues Fest

THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS

The Fabulous Thunderbirds are an American blues band formed in 1974. Singer Kim Wilson is the only constant member through the band's entire history. The group just returned from a tour in the United Kingdom. Their first live show back in the US is at the Vero Beach Blues Festival as headliner on Saturday night.

After performing for several years in the Austin, Texas, blues scene, the band won a recording contract with *Takoma/Chrysalis Records* and later signed with *Epic Records*. In 2011, they signed with *Severn Records*. Their first two albums were released in 1979 and 1980, with Kim Wilson's lead vocals and harmonica, Jimmie Vaughan as lead guitarist, and Keith Ferguson on bass guitar. Mike Buck was on drums for the first album but left the band and was replaced by Fran Christina on the second. Both albums are now regarded as significant blues recordings.

The Thunderbirds' blues style mixed Texas blues with the harmonica-laced swamp blues sounds of Slim

Harpo and Lazy Lester, both of whom the Thunderbirds covered. The band's third album, *Butt-Rockin'*, released in 1981, took the band closer to old rhythm and blues and added additional musicians playing piano and brass. Throughout the years the Fabulous Thunderbirds had become favorites of fellow musicians, opening shows for the likes of the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton. They created classic albums like *T-Bird Rhythm* (1982) and *Tuff Enuff* (1986). *Tuff Enuff* went platinum, selling more than one million copies. Wilson has been nominated for Grammy Awards six times and for Blues Music Awards more than 20 times.

After 14 albums, several singles and compilation albums, the Fabulous Thunderbirds have released *Struck Down* in 2024. "I think *Struck Down* is my best album with The Fabulous Thunderbirds... by far," says Kim Wilson, the band's leader, main songwriter, vocalist, and harmonica player. Guest Musicians include: Bonnie Raitt, Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top), Mick Fleetwood (Fleetwood Mac), Taj Mahal, Elvin Bishop, Keb' Mo', and Terance Simien.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds' current line-up are Kim Wilson, the heart and soul of this band, on lead vocals, harmonica, Johnny Moelleron guitar, Bob Welsh on piano and guitar, Rudy Albinon drums, Steve Kirsty on bass.

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Copeland is used to the spotlight. Born and raised in Harlem, New York in 1979, she first stepped on stage with her famous father at New York's Cotton Club when she was eight. As soon as Copeland released her *Alligator Records* debut *Turn The Heat Up* in 1998 at age 18, she instantly became a blues and R&B force to be reckoned with. On Copeland's new album, *Blame It On Eve*, the songs all hit hard, with jaw-dropping performances that instantly take hold and command repeated listening. "Copeland is the greatest female blues vocalist working today.

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Country Artist & Rancher **ELI MOSLEY**

When Elisha “Eli” Mosley isn’t mending fences or mowing pastures at the 3,000-acre ranch he manages in Polk County, he’s most likely traveling to Nashville for a country music project, or touring across the U.S. with his band. This month he will be performing at the 58th Grant Seafood Festival.

Ever since he saw Tracy Byrd on stage at six years old, Eli Mosley knew he would be a country music artist. To prepare, he learned to play the guitar, graduated from Southeastern University with a degree in music business and spent 6 years in the US Marine Corps. Now, at the age of 34, Eli has recorded and produced three albums in Nashville through Ocean Way Studio, Studio West, and Sound Emporium. He is a verified artist on Spotify and one of his singles, “Soldier’s Wife,” has amassed over 200,000 streams. His most recent single, “Doin’ Alright,” has peaked at number 77 on the national Music Row chart.

Eli typically travels to Nashville for one to two weeks every month. While he’s there, he participates in writing and recording sessions, networking events, meetings with management and more. “I basically pack a month’s worth of work into one week,” Eli remarked.

Although Eli has considered relocating to Nashville, he’s discovered that living in Florida allows him to establish a healthy work-life balance. Eli explained, “Moving to Nashville would be like moving into the office. There’s always somewhere you should be or something you should be doing to advance your career. I’ve come to realize the importance of keeping work and life separate.”

Living in Florida also makes it possible for Eli to serve as the foreman of a local cattle ranch. In this position, Eli oversees all of the ranch’s operations, from maintaining equipment to ensuring the cows are properly fed. Eli got into ranch work in 2020 when the pandemic forced the music industry to be put on pause.

Since then, it has proven to be a source of inspiration for his creative process. “When you’re on the ranch working on a tractor all day, you get a lot of time to think. I’ve been able to come up with numerous song ideas this way,” said Eli. When it comes to songwriting, Eli has collaborated with individuals who have written hit singles for artists such as Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, and Rascal Flatts. “I always make sure that I’m the least accomplished person in



the room,” said Eli. “That’s the key as an independent artist. You have to surround yourself with the right team.”

Throughout his career, Eli has opened for Tracy Lawrence, Joe Nichols, Tyler Farr, Maren Morris, and many others. In 2020, Eli even opened for his first country music inspiration, Tracy Byrd, at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida.

His largest audience was in Dallas, Texas, during a show where he played to a crowd of 45,000. In 2017, Eli performed a few acts before Miranda Lambert for an audience of 8,000. He counted this as his first “big” show.

The **58th Grant Seafood Festival** is one of the most traditional events in our county. It’s run by volunteers of the township, generations of residents, raising community funds. Performance schedule: *Saturday, May 1st, 10am Luna Pearl; 1:30pm Eli Mosley; 5pm Rios Rock Band. Sunday, March 2nd, 10am Angel City; 3pm Let’s Groove Tonight - Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute Band.* Free parking, free admission, delicious seafood, artists, vendors.

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The Column

By **Chuck Van Riper**

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Do you have a favorite or lucky number? We all do, don't we? Mine is 4. Sometimes it's 7. Well, unbeknownst to me, 7 is one of the most powerful numbers. Biblically, the 7th day designated the completion of the Creation and a day of rest. The 7 planets (at the time) is why we have the names for the 7 days of the week. Seven is a prime number, which means it can only be divided by itself. 7 has always been portrayed as a lucky number in many cultures. And then there's the number 12, which has a lot going for it. There were 12 disciples, 12 months in a year, 12 colors on the color wheel, 12 notes in a chromatic scale, 12 signs of the zodiac, 12 tribes of Israel, etc. Yes, 12 is an amazing number. On the other hand, Nicola Tesla wrote that the numbers 3, 6, and 9 hold the key to the universe. Ok, that's not fair, that's 3 numbers. Some day I hope to know the meaning of them. Anyway.. how about 1.618, known as the perfect ratio which perfectly balances addition and multiplication. It is often referred to as the golden ratio. Ok, that's not fair either as it has a decimal in it. So, what is the most powerful number? Believe it or not, the very inconspicuous number 42.

Are you kidding me? 42, really? Well, think about it. Jackie Robinson, one of baseball's greats wore the number 42. In ASCII code, 42 is the code for the asterisk (*), which in turn is often interpreted to mean all or everything, as in the Dos command C://*. * The game of Risk has 42 territories (I'll take Irkutsk). 42 is the atomic number of the chemical element molybdenum, which has the symbol Mo. The name molybdenum comes from the Ancient Greek word molybdos, which means "lead". When you give blood, the donated blood lasts only 42 days. In ancient Egyptian mythology, the dead had to declare before 42 judges that they had not committed any of 42 sins. There are 42 gallons in a barrel of oil. There are 42 dots on a pair of dice. It is impossible for an observer to see a rainbow from water droplets at any angle other than 42 degrees from the direction opposite the light source. "Dark Side of the Moon," the album by Pink Floyd, has a playtime of 42 minutes. In the movie "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" based on the book of the same name, the super computer "Deep Thought" is queried about the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and



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everything. The computers answer is 42. Now we're getting somewhere! Interestingly, the movie version raked in £4.2 million!

When Douglas Adams wrote *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, I wonder if he realized these other interesting tidbits about the number 42. For example, 42 is a "pronic" number, that is, the product of two consecutive integers, 6 and 7. Now here's a good one: 42 is number of galactic years that the Sun-Earth system will survive before it is destroyed. A galactic year is the amount of time it takes the sun to orbit the Milky Way Galaxy's center. In Earth years, a galactic year, also known as a cosmic year, is 225 million years. A cosmic year... like wow, man. According to scientific studies, we are about 20 cosmic years into this cycle, so almost half way. Better start preparing! How about 42 gin and tonics! The end of the last cosmic year was September 29th, 2016, which was also the day that the U.S. Consumer Protection Safety Commission warned that Samsung washing machines might blow up if you're washing heavy loads at high speeds! Coincidence? Maybe, but that sure is cosmic.

The Bible even contains many "42" references. For example, the number of generations between Abraham and Jesus is 42. In the book of Revelation, the Anti-Christ rules for 42 months, as was the famine in the time of Elijah. The Gutenberg Bible is also known as the 42 line Bible because each page has 42 lines. It was the first thing printed on the Gutenberg press.

So, yes, 42 is a pretty powerful number. Who'da think it. Speaking of numbers, next month is one of my favorite holiday! That would be Pienstein day! Woo-hoo. It's the conjunction of Pi day, 3/14, which is also Einstein's birthday. (It's my second favorite holiday, the first being National Handwriting Day, which is on January 23rd.) So get ready to celebrate! I wonder if the banks are closed that day? I started a movement a few years ago to make Pieinstien Day a national holiday. Please help me by signing the petition to send to congress. I only need 42,000 signatures..... oh, no!

Space Coast State Fair

There is a lot going on this month at the Space Coast Daily Park, a 40-acre outdoor event and entertainment venue at 5760 Stadium Parkway in Viera, next to Viera High School and across the street from Space Coast Stadium. **The Space Coast State Fair** will offer rides and entertainment from February 21st to March 2nd. There will be a terrific selection of 30-35 of joy and thrill rides. The park will also host a **Key Lime Pie Festival** from February 22nd and 23rd. For more information go to

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COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm FloMotion
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Last Call
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Chief Cherry and his Red Beans & Rice
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Rockfish
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Scott Smalls; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Switch
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Karalyn & The Dawn Patrol; 9pm Vintage
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Kome Back Kid; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Floridave
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Kevin Chancellor; 6:30pm TBA
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Matt Simpson, 7:30pm Whiskey Tango

2 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Aquinas (deck)
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 12pm 4th Anniversary Party w/ FREE Shrimp Boil
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Anna Delgado Band
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Skyn Deep
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The G-Man
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Galaxy; 7pm Justin Howl
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Gypsy Jersey Snowbirds
SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm John McDonald
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Forte Duo; 4pm Pink Spice Band
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm

John McDonald

3 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua Keels

4 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Teddy V
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

5 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Kevin Burt
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Keven Beck
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Will B.
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

6 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Allen Wronko & Bob Los Duo
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Sybil Gage
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin DJ Oscar P
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Gene Callahan

7 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Midnight Ramblers
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Andrew Walker; 8pm DJ
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm 21 to Burn
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm FatherDaddy
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Mondo Tikis
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Super Freak
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Gran Charismo; 9pm Bullet Dosgers
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Redfish Rich
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Mike Steele
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Sheepdawgs; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Tidal Theory
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Joules Rio

8 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Chief Cherry Quartet
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Switch
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Pink Spice
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Day Trippers; 8pm Jake Walden
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 4:30pm Steve Kirsner & Friends; 7pm Hella Ayelet Gal w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Pinch
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Cover Story
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Over Under; 9pm Syndicate

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Rios Rock Band; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Jeff Bazemore
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Miranda Realino; 6:30pm Picture Show
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Kyle Kraft; 7:30pm Rukus

9 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Phoenix (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Switch
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Ghost Town Blues Band
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ Ron Teixeira Trio
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Key Change; 5pm closed
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Becks Brotherhood
SANDBAR CB: Super Bowl Party "King of the Couch"
SOCIAL DISTANCE: Big Super Bowl Party
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Drew Halverson
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm 2 Salty Duo; 4pm TBA
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Kelley B

10 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

11 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Catgut Stitches
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

12 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Day Tripper

Entertainment Calendar

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Dave Thrift
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Some Miles Duo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Terrell on the Keys
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

13 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Hypersona Duo
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Lauren Henderson
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Highway 1
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Dave Myers
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm James Holler

VALENTINE'S DAY

14 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm J.K. & The Contraband
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Lil Lin; 8pm DJ
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm Harbor City Trio
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Burning Breeze
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 5:30 & 7:30pm Aolani & The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: Cold Keg Party
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm House DJ
SANDBAR CB: 9pm Love Valley

SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Pompano Pete
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Tim England
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Fast Times; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm TBA
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Kings County

15 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Harbor City Trio
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Luna Pearl
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm The Dawn Patrol; 6pm Krystal Clarke Band
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Dawn Patrol; 8pm Murphy's Law
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm The Shaelyn Band
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Dave Thrift Band
LOU'S BLUES: 1pm John Nugent; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Occasional Astronauts
MALABAR MO'S: 5:30pm Not Just Candy
SANDBAR CB: 20th Anniversary Party; 4pm Hired Gunz; 9pm Innuendo
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Buck Barefoot
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm TMI; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Levi Mason
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Brian Tafoya; 6:30pm Absolute Blue
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Josh Keels; 7:30pm Soul Time

16 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm The Fog Band (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm SheepDawgs
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Crystal Ship, Tribute to The Doors
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm The Nighthawks
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The G-Man

LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Cherry Down; 7pm Alexander James
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Moms Night Out
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Blue Prints; 9pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Stay Tuned
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Matt Simpson; 5pm Allen Wranko Band
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm East Harbor Duo

PRESIDENT'S DAY

17 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua Keels
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Forte Duo

18 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Teddy V
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

19 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jake Walden Band
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Syd Taylor
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30 Karaoke w/ Cindy
SANDBAR: 8pm Jake Salter
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

20 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Raiford Starke
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Sybil Gage
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin DJ Oscar P
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke Contest
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Redfish Rich
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Ray Fredell

21 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Robby King Trio
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Corey Does Buffett; 8pm DJ
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm Liz & The Inviz
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm American Highway
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Simone Kopmajer
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Lil Lin
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Short Circuit
MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Lowell Everly Duo
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Mondo Tikis; 9pm Cheetah Coalition
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Wes Hufnagel
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Joshua Keels
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Midlife Crisis; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Carl Lewis & Intensity
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Heatstroke

22 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Don Alexander & The Alley Gators
CADILLAC COVE: 8pm

Entertainment Calendar

Vince Love & The Soul Cats

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Aolani Jazz; 6pm Stones Clones
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Miles Road South; 8pm Schovelhed

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 4:30pm Steve Kirsner & Friends; 7pm Hella Ayelet Gal w/ Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Heatstroke

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Rios Rock Band
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Fast Times; Toga Party
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Keano

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Karalyn & Dawn Patrol; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm T.A. Williams
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Alexander James; 6:30pm Buck Barefoot Band
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Lee Zalnoski; 7:30pm Vintage Radio

23 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Norton (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Rockfish
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm The Nighthawks
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The G-Man
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Coolers; 7pm Alexander James
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Eclectic Mess
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Salt Water Hippy Band; 9pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Bill Cockrell
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Kevin Ebright; 5pm Phoenix
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Tidal Theory

24 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm

Swampfox Jam
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

25 - TUESDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia
LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Catgut Stitches
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

26 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Matthew Curry
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 7pm T.A. Williams
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Bruce & Angel Electric Duo
SANDBAR: 8pm Syndicate
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

27 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy
CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia
COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm The Scotts
FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Irena Freckle & The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ
LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Juiced
SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Tim England
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The

Jam
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Rick Ferrin

28 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Shreddie King
CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Benjamin; 8pm DJ
CROWNE PLAZA: 6pm Combobulators
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Justified
FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 4:30pm Steve Kirsner & Friends; 7pm Krystal Clarke & The Ron Teixeira Trio
HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Loaded Dice
LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Mix Tape Kids
MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Winterhawk DJ
SANDBAR CB: 4pm Alexander James; 9pm Roksylyde
SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Sydney Taylor
SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm TBA
SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Panama; 1:30am DJ
SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm Sun Drops
SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Nothin's Easy

All calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb 1: Fire and Rain: Folk Anthems of the 70's, King Center, Melbourne, 321-345-5052

Feb 1: Cocoa Village Brewer's Bash, Cocoa Riverfront Park, 321-631-9075

Feb 1: Concert in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22: Saturday Farmers Market at Riverview Park, Downtown Melbourne
Feb 2: Indiafest Color Run 3k, Holy Trinity Upper School Campus, Melbourne
Feb 2: World Wetlands Day, Brevard Zoo, Viera, 321-254-9453

Feb 2 & 16: Free Ranger Led Tours, Turkey Creek, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Feb 2, 5, 16, 20: Digital Painting Class, Studios of Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Feb 3: After the Dream: Community Leaders Consortium, Space Coast Black Chamber, Melbourne, 321-294-3225

Feb 3 - Mar 2: Transformations Artworks by Kole Trent, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Feb 4: Speaker Series - Thomas Belisle, Field Manor, Merritt Island, 321-848-0365

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25: Masters Series, Studios of Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3840

Feb 6 - 8: Winter Art Show and Sale 2025, Cape Canaveral Library, 603-591-6104

Feb 7: Friday Fest, City of Cape Canaveral, 321-868-1220

Feb 8: Putta Palooza, Melbourne Main Street, Downtown Melbourne, 321-759-3713

Feb 8: Okapi Klip Kloppy 3k, Brevard Zoo, Viera, 321-254-9453

Feb 8: Adult Program - Valentine's Day, Brevard Zoo, Viera, 321-254-9453

Feb 8: Second Saturday Market, Eau Gallie Arts District

Feb 8: Sweetheart Bazaar, Historic Cocoa Village, 321-631-9075

Feb 8: Sip & Stroll - Sweethearts in Cocoa Village, Historic Cocoa Village, 321-631-9075

Feb 8: Crafted with Love Market, West Melbourne Community Park

Feb 8: Sebastian's Great Air

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Potato Round-up, Stormwater Park, Sebastian, 772-388-8206

Feb 9: Sybil Gage: Speak Easy Jazz & Juke Joint Blues, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, spacecoast-jazzsociety.org

Feb 10: Pickleball Mixer, Ted Whitlock Community Center, Palm Bay, 321-952-3400

Feb 13: Alton Brown: Live Last Bite, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Feb 13: Sweethearts Valentine Dance, Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne, 321-724-0555

Feb 13 - 15: Seaside Piece-makers - Quilting Collaboration, Melbourne Auditorium

Feb 14: Danae Hays, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Feb 14 - 23: I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Henegar Center, Downtown Melbourne, 321-723-8698

Feb 15: Whiskey in the District, Eau Gallie Arts District

Feb 15: Mardi Gras Pub Crawl, Cocoa Village, 321-543-1346

Feb 15 & 16: Splash! of Watercolor Art Show 2025, Azan Shriners Center, Melbourne

Feb 16: Sunday Stroll, Eau Gallie Arts District

Feb 16: Nearly Diamond Show, Riverside Presbyterian Church, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-6085

Feb 19 & 20: Diamond Anniversary Concert, Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, mmband.org, 321-724-0555

Feb 19: Chris Botti, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Feb 21: Hina Khuong-Huu, violin & Kia-Min Chang, piano, St. Marks United Methodist Church, Indialantic, 321-213-5100

Feb 21: Almost Abba, Melbourne Auditorium, Mel-

bourne, 615-753-3534

Feb 21 - 23: Gourd Arts Festival, Azan Shriners Center, Melbourne

Feb 21: Come from Away, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Feb 21-23: St. Katherine GreekFEST, Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Melbourne

Feb 22: Rob Schneider, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Feb 22: Mixed Media Workshop with Robin Le Roy-Kyle, CBAA Office and Studio, Rockledge, 321-806-8065

Feb 22: Brevard's Got Talent, Historic American Legion Post 191, Melbourne

Feb 22 & 23: Key Lime Pie Festival, Space Coast Daily Park, Viera, 855-386-3836

Feb 23: Lights, Camera, Symphony! King Center, Melbourne, 321-345-5052

Feb 23: Pollinator Fair, Nance Park, Indialantic

Feb 23: Mardi Gras - Paws in the Park, Riverfront Park, Historic Cocoa Village, 321-724-0555

Feb 25: The Music of Broadway and Opera, Community Church of Vero Beach, Vero Beach, mmband.org, 321-724-0555

Feb 26: Poetry + Open Mic Night, The CAPE Center, Cape Canaveral, 321-868-1224

Feb 28: Masquerade Gala 2025, Grand Manor, Melbourne, 321-306-8635

Feb 28: Art Martin: Rock 'n' Roll Revue, Cocoa Village Playhouse, Historic Cocoa Village, 321-724-0555

Feb 28 - Mar 16: Seussical the Musical, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-3127

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Saturday, February 22, 1pm
Siggys, Palm Bay

12th Annual Sigfest

The event was created by musicians to honor David & Shawn Sigafoos for their commitment to support local musicians and charities. David's legacy started in 1979 with the opening of The Holiday Inn Oceanfront, now Crowne Plaza. David was committed to book the highest levels of live entertainment and brought in name acts with Ray Charles, Spiro Gyra & more. Siggys American Bar opened in 1990 and has been Palm Bay's "family affair" where many local bands had their start.

Amy Sigafoos took charge of the family business after the sudden passing of her husband David and her son Shawn over a decade ago. She says: "I'm honored to keep their legacy alive with the celebration of live music and SIGFEST." Many people are involved: The entertainment is planned by Merissa Rudkin and Sammy Hill. DJ Chris keeps the music on schedule. Devon Gillespie organizes and manages the event. *Tritt Productions* runs the sound. There will be raffles and auction prizes. Customers and staff come together for a celebration of life of two great men.

This year's entertainment is provided by Gran Charismo, Last Chance Band, Phoenix Band, Top Hill Crew, The Day After, Short Circuit, and Hail Mary. The event benefits The Genesis House, Brevard Music Aid, and Homeless Veterans in Brevard (NVHS). You can even buy a t-shirt and help the cause. www.siggysamericanbar.com



Thursday February 13, 6pm
Eau Gallie Civic Center

Valentine's Dance

The Melbourne Municipal Band (MMB) is dialing up the romance and drama with two events that feature the organization's concert band and its Rock & Roll Revue ensemble.

On February 13th, the 12-piece Rock & Roll Revue (photo) will present its annual Sweethearts Valentine's Dance at 7 pm at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave. Tickets (\$15) are available online or at the door. The event is BYOB. Setups and ice can be purchased. Those who would like to brush up on their dancing skills can do so from 6 to 7 pm, when Chris Marcelle offers free lessons. Call the MMB Dance Hotline at 321-339-7705 for more information.

On February 19th and 20th, the MMB Concert Band will present a free Diamond Anniversary Concert to celebrate 60 years of providing music to the community. The event begins at 7 pm at the Melbourne Auditorium. There is no charge and tickets are not required. Doors open at 6 pm and pre-show entertainment will be provided by the Sunshine Brass Quintet. "We are celebrating in style," said MMB Conductor Staci Rosbury. "We've planned a dramatic and moving program featuring vocalists Rachel Murphy and Fred Kilgallin." Dr. David Gregory, a member of the National Band Association's Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors, and band legend, Col. Hal Gibson, will be guest conductors.

www.melbournemunicipalband.org



Sat/Sun, March 8 & 9
Wickham Park, Melbourne

Indiafest

Indiafest will celebrate its 28th Annual Festival on March 8th and 9th in Wickham Park. It's a fun family event that brings the Indian culture, history and tradition to the Space Coast. Started in 1996, today Indiafest is a symbol of cultural enrichment. One of the unique things of this festival is that it presents a different theme each year that shows various aspects of India. This year the theme is 'Festivals of India' which will showcase some of the traditional festivals of India that'll give a very colorful, fun and festive atmosphere to the entire weekend.

Indiafest is a non-profit, cultural organization known for its charitable efforts to several local charities, including the parent organization, Manav Mandir, and aids in disaster recovery. With support from the community, the organization has raised and donated over \$1.4 million to date. Indiafest has something of interest for everyone, from hands-on activities for the youths, games for the little ones, shopping for the adults, yoga demonstrations, all-day entertainment and, mouth-watering Indian cuisine for everyone to enjoy. The stage will come alive with all day performances by local artistes dancing to traditional folk, classical, and modern Indian music while the fashion show will be the highlight of the day.

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	8: Pinch
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5: Kevin Beck	15: Dave Thrift Band
12: Dave Thrift	21: Lil Lin Band
19: Syd Taylor	22: Heatstroke
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LOCAL Lowdown

By Steve Keller

Greetings and salutations from the Harbor City. We find ourselves in contact again, talking about the Space Coast original music scene. I will be your guide as we start yet another year of goodness for your ears. Albeit there are less venues to see live music, but we all know that it can change in an instant. So, sit back, strap yourself in and get ready to enjoy what our Space Coast has to offer.

You'd be hard pressed to find another local band with as much momentum these last few months as **The Dunies**. Their impressive gig schedule, willingness to play with different types of bands, stage presence (including video wall), not to mention the music itself. The band has been together for 9 years now, and they look like they are having a good time when they're playing. A recent highlight is their karaoke (complete with song lyrics on screen) version of Creed's 'Take Me Higher'. I look for a great 2025 for these guys, the sky is definitely the limit.

Another bright future this year is for **Sounds of Nebula**. The foursome doesn't show any signs of slowing down. In fact, they continue to write and be available for shows. I've known Cayli, Sonja, Colleen and Kelly for many years now and can honestly say, what you see is what you get. It is refreshing that they haven't resorted to jumping on any bandwagon or trends throughout the years. I wish them much success in 2025 and can't wait to hear some of the new songs they were talking about. Find them online for updates.

As some (most) of you may know, I am the Program Director of *WFIT* and host of the weekly show **Keller Radio**. Being able to be surrounded by music and local music at that, as part of my 'day job' has been a thrill. Being able to tell you about the inaugural **Jimbo Song Contest** is one of the highlights of my life. On November 16th, 2023, we lost singer/songwriter James Garris. 'Jimbo' was part of many local bands; Jimbo & The No Shows, Honest Havoc, and he was a founding member of The Blue Diamond Band. His love for songwriting and playing music was infectious. I am honored to spearhead a contest to bring more attention and acclaim to our original music scene. *WFIT* is currently accepting songs submissions from Brevard County residents. Production quality is less important than the song structure itself. Songs will be accepted through Monday, February 10th. Song entries will then be reviewed by a panel of judges. Semifinalists will be announced and invited onto *Keller Radio* to perform their song. Online voting will take place. The Top three finalists will then be invited to partake in a contest finale at a local venue. A winner will be announced. Grand prize for the winner will be to get their song professionally produced in the *WFIT* studios and put into format rotation. I'm excited to be able to give this opportunity to a local songwriter and to honor Jimbo's memory. There needs to be a bigger spotlight on original music in Brevard, and I believe that this is one way to do so. Email your song submission to Contests@WFIT.org. Songwriters will retain 100% of their song.



Before I go for this month, let me send a shout out to all the musicians out there that continue to write and perform their own music. Stay true.



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This month, February 2025, Andrew Bunin is looking back on 20 years of Sandbar business. "I'm living the American Dream," he says with a big smile. He's not the only one who has been having a great time, his customers have been enjoying 20 years of beach and party life right along with him. *Brevard Live Magazine* met with Drew and his GM Nick Strickling to talk about the anniversary year.

It was November 15th, 2005, that Drew and his partner Mark Phelps got the keys to the former Castaways, a small dive bar on the beach from 1958. "We didn't have any customers right away," remembers Drew. "But we were determined to make it work." They started out small, worked long days and nights, they still do, and that's how the Sandbar became the "The Home of the Fish Taco" and a customer favorite for locals and tourists alike. Their slogan is "Get rescued from ordinary food" - and they mean it. The menu is extensive and includes all your favorite tacos, burritos, pizza, burgers, wings, salads, and it all has the extra kick. The drinks are just as unusual as the food. "We don't run from hurricanes, we drink them" is another motto, and these hurricanes come in 5 categories along with the ultimate mother of all hurricanes with white rum, spiced rum, coconut rum, dark rum, triple sec, and a 151 floater. You can keep the glass, and might add a t-shirt, hot sauces, or a koozie.

Finding good people and keeping them around has been one of Drew's secrets to success. Sometimes they found him. Nick Strickling showed up one day 18 years ago, "mainly to help a few friends who worked at the Sand-

bar," he says. He came back the next day, then the following day. He worked as bouncer, bar back, bartender, manager - now he's the General Manager and an owner of the Cocoa Beach Fish Camp, that Drew and Nick opened in 2021. Seven years ago, Drew convinced his brother Jason to relocate from New York to Cocoa Beach to open up Flavour, the restaurant in the heart of Cocoa Beach. Last year Drew and former Sandbar manager Aiden Booska opened a second location in Satellite Beach. Drew has been an inspiration to his co-workers and has made an impact to the local hospitality business. Nick laughs: "We always ask ourselves - would would Drew do?"

What Drew knows best is how to have a good time. The Sandbar has become famous for its outrageous parties and events. Everything goes - from the "Pimp & Ho" costume contest, to bikini contests, to pizza, wings or taco eating contests. "We will celebrate our 20th anniversary all year long," says Drew. "We want to feature a lot of bands and parties that have become legendary."

February 2025 starts with the iconic "King of the Couch" Superbowl party on February 9th. Anyone can register for a raffle, and the winner, who will be drawn one hour before the game, will have a VIP seat on the couch with his friends and get 50 wings, a large pizza, a case of beer, and at the end the winner can take the couch home.

Saturday, Feb 15th, is the official party with live bands and half priced hurricanes. On Thursday, 20th, the Sandbar holds a pizza eating contest along with a karaoke contest, winner gets \$200. The following Saturday, Feb 22nd, it's a Toga Party. For March 22nd Drew plans a Mini-Rockstock with 5 bands on 2 stages. Live Music has always been a big part of the Sandbar. Some pretty popular bands like Hot Pink, Vintage, Red Tide started out playing here. If you've been here, you know the vibe. If not, find out why the Sandbar is more than another beach bar. It's a life style. "We had 49 hurricanes," says Drew, "and we were open during every one of them."

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The Nighthawks

The original Nighthawks lineup solidified in mid-1974. Bringing together frontmen Mark Wenner and the young Jimmy Thackery with a veteran rhythm section, Jan Zukowski on bass and Pete Ragusa on drums, the quartet ruled the highways and honky-tonks until Jimmy's departure in 1986 to pursue a solo career. The band opened many doors and forged many touring routes for their contemporaries, including the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Robert Cray, and played with as many Blues and Rockabilly legends as they could. They opened show after show for Muddy Waters, James Cotton and Carl Perkins, and backed up and recorded with John Hammond and Pinetop Perkins.

The first years after Jimmy's departure were a bit under the radar. Mark, Jan and Pete soldiered on, taking on such roles as Elvin Bishop's East Coast band (from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Key West) and becoming the backing band of choice for the Rosebud Agency's showcase tours with John Lee Hooker, Elvin Bishop, John Hammond and Pinetop Perkins. After a series of guitarists of the month that included Warren Haynes and Stuart Smith, a collaboration with Wet Willie frontman Jimmy Hall led to several years with a solid quintet that also included guitarist Jimmy Nalls (Sea Level, D.C. Dog). That version of the band never released any recordings.

After more than 5 decades, founder, lead singer and harpmaster Mark Wenner is still at the helm, while drummer Mark Stutso, guitarist Dan Hovey and bassist Paul Pisciotta all share vocals and songwriting, making this lineup one of the strongest ever. Decades of gigs and countless rabid fans have earned them the name "The Best Bar Band In The World." More than a bar band or blues band, this is a band that played with Carl Perkins in addition to Muddy Waters.

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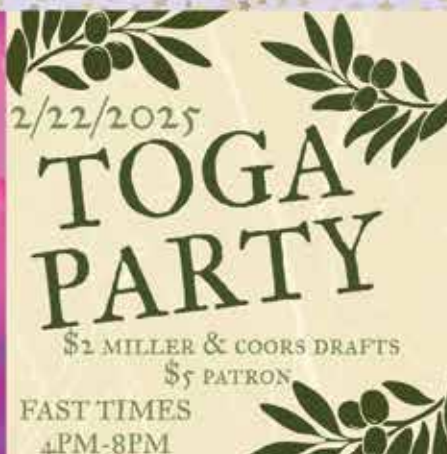
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