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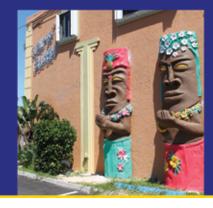
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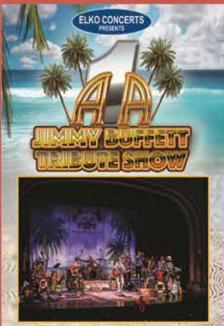
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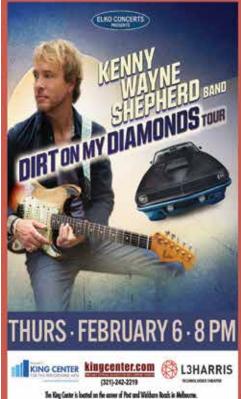
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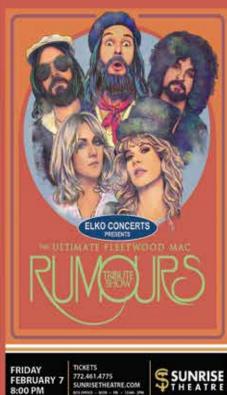


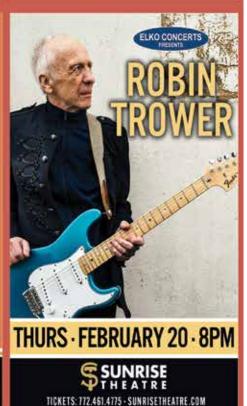
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The last full moon of 2024 was on Sunday, December 15th, also known as the Cold Moon. Doug Taylor snapped this photo of his puppy Bailey admiring the moon. The next full moon will be the Wolf Moon on January 13th, 2025 at 5:27 PM.



Limpkin searching for dinner along the St. Johns.

Photo by Ed Robinson

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The 4th Annual Vero Beach Blues ary 15th & 16th, 2025, at the Indian River County Fairgrounds, proudly produced by Latitude-88, Inc.! This unique 2-day music festival will feature 10 amazing bands performing nothing but the blues in a beautiful outdoor setting. National acts such as The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Shemekia Copeland, Vanessa Collier, to name a few. The festival's main stage will be set up on a 30-acre grass field with ample standing and sitting space for attendees. Those looking for a more intimate concert experience can take advantage of the big blues lounge which features seating for 600 visitors as well as a huge full liquor bar serving all kinds of drinks. There will also be plenty of food and beverage vendors offering a variety of delicious options throughout the entire duration of the event. Enjoy 100 retail vendors at the vendor village, delicious food, and full liquor bars. Good times and epic memories all weekend. Over 15.000 attendees come from all around the country.

Admission tickets are \$15 per day or \$30 for two days. These are discount online presale tickets only. At the door tickets are \$20 per day. Kids under 16 years old are free with an adult. For tickets and updated information visit

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January 15 & 16, 7pm Melbourne Auditorium

3-2-1 Jazz Orchestra: Adventures in Time

The 3-2-1 Jazz Orchestra embarks I on a musical time travel journey featuring the first 100 years of jazz when it presents "Adventures in Time" on January 15th and 16th, 2025 at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. Start time is 7 pm. Doors open at 6 pm with pre-show entertainment by the Roaring 20's Band. "Our musical time machine will present a mix of swinging rhythms from yesterday, today and tomorrow," said Conductor Kurt Schulenburg. "We are mixing and matching genres and decades with nostalgia and innovation, coming together through the sound of the 3-2-1 Jazz Orchestra."

The Concert Café format for the event enables the audience to select from traditional theater-style or table seating. There is also room to dance for those so inclined.

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Saturday, January 18, 8pm Sandbar, Cocoa Beach

DUB MASSIVE

For the 20th year the Sandbar is hosting a big reggae event called Dub Massive, created and organized by no other than Local Celebrity Mark Longenecker. If you are a reggae fan with appreciation and respect for the scene, you are familiar with the performers at Dub Massive. "Reggae music has its own culture and DJs are a huge part of this," explains Selector Longenecker. "During the huge dance hall parties in Jamaica, it's the DJs who are pumping up the crowd." Unlike traditional reggae which invites you to rock in place or just sit back and chill, dancehall is all about the moves. Dancehall music, aka ragga or dub, had its genesis in the political turbulence of the late 1970s and became Jamaica's dominant music in the 1980s and '90s. The DJs have become sound creators, "and we bring this Jamaican vibe to the Sandbar once a year," says Longenecker who is a respected graphic and tattoo artist and owner of Endless Summer Tattoo. In 2014, he was a competitor in the TV show Ink Master.

A surfboard painted by Longenecker will be raffled off, t-shirts and art prints are for sale. Besides Selector Longenecker you will see and hear DJ Kai, SheWxlf, C-Lioness, Dvcati, Lights Out Sound, DJ Redi, Unity Sound, LanceO, Apache, and Jimmy South. Dub Massive benefits Surfers for Autism.

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KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD interviewed

By Matthew Bretz

World renowned blues rock guitarist Kenny Wayne Shepherd might be the hardest working musician in the industry today. Coming out of the gates at 17-years-old with breakthrough album *Ledbetter Heights* Shepherd was just getting started. Nearly three decades later KWS is still hitting hard, touring, recording and being a dad to six kids, and like his enormous collection of classic muscle cars, he isn't showing any signs of slowing down anytime soon. When Kenny was in town a couple of years ago, we got to talk a bit about the 25th Anniversary of *Blue on Black* and how life was has gone coming of age in the spotlight. This time I got to hear about his new double album *Dirt On My Diamonds* Vol.1 and Vol.2, his crazy touring schedule and how he came up with using an 808 drum machine on a blues album. Check it out!

Last time we spoke you were on tour celebrating 25 years since the release of Blue on Black and the theme of the day was kind of look-how-far-we've-come kind of thing. What's the spirit of Dirt on My Diamonds?

KWS: *Dirt On My Diamonds* is a double album and unlike anything I've done before. It's still a blues album at its core because that's my foundation, my base, but I wanted to branch out and push some boundaries.

Not only is Dirt a double album but you decided to stagger the release of both volumes. How did that come about and what were your thoughts on that decision?

KWS: We decided to release the two parts separately for a couple of reasons. One is that we have never done anything like that before, where we recorded two albums worth of music in less than 12 months and split it up. It also keeps the fans engaged. I was able to tour on Vol.1 last year and now in 2025 we are going to tour on Vol.2, and it's a completely different show than if you saw us last year.

Would you say the album is a unified piece or are the two volumes unique enough to stand on their own?

KWS: I go back and forth on that all the time! I think they can stand alone on their own, but I also wrote it all at the same time, and there are a lot of similarities in the themes on each set. Vol.2 is more of what you might call a straight-forward blues album and can really get rockin',

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but with Vol.1 I wanted to stretch out and get a little more experimental. Like on one track I actually used an old 808 drum machine and laid out a hip-hop beat. On another we had a DJ come in and add some record scratching.

Wait, wait... you used an 808 on a blues album?

KWS: Yeah man! I know I'm thought of as a blues musician, but I never want to stay stagnant just play the same stuff all the time. I want to push and grow, so this time around I wanted to use some of the stuff I was influenced by when I was coming up and add that flavor.

I totally get that! We are the same age so it's exciting for me to hear you talk about incorporating the same things I grew up with. And you should keep pushing and growing like you said. Who wants to play 12 bar forever? Maybe this could lead to some kind of KWS-OutKast collaboration?

KWS: You never know!

So, speaking of touring, exactly how many tours are you on right now?

KWS: Well technically none right now. I'm off for a little while. But soon I'll be out in support for Dirt on My Dia-

monds Vol.2 and then we will also pick up with the Experience Hendrix tour.

I understand why you needed a vacation. The Hendrix tour is such an amazing line-up of heavy hitters, and you have a well-deserved spot. What is the mood like around the tour? What's it like playing with some of these legend, like Taj Mahal for instance?

KWS: It's great! Everyone is friends and even the new players that join us fall right in with everyone and it's a big party for us. Taj Mahal was great to play with. I got up last time with him and we did Catfish Blues - so much fun!

Talking about legends - you have a supergroup called the Rides with Stephen Stills and Barry Goldberg. Anything in the works there we can watch out for, if you have an extra five minutes to spare that is?

KWS: Unfortunately, not right now. I'm still into it and I'm pretty sure Stephen and Barry are, but we are so busy right now. You can see from what we've been talking about how busy I am, and I still have six kids at home to top it off. We'll get back to it eventually though!

I get that! We will definitely be on the lookout. So, what can your fans expect from your show this time through? What would like people to know going into it?

KWS: We love getting down to Florida to play. The shows we do there have become staples for us and the way I like to kick off a tour. The crowds are always great, people are super nice... it's wonderful! This show is completely different than any shows we've done before - and I like to keep it like that. I want things to be fresh and new. Not just for the fans either. I want to have fun up there... and then hopefully everyone else will, too. I could take all the radio hits I ever put out add a few classics like Voodoo Chile...,things people expect to hear and just have a greatest hits tour for the rest of my life, but I'm not that old yet. I'm still growing as an artist.

Well said, Mr. Shepherd!

Do yourself a favor and check out even one of the many projects Kenny Wayne Shepherd is working on and absolutely get out to the King Center Feb 6th to see Kenny and his band play *Dirt on My Diamonds Vol.2* along with some of your favorite KWS hits.

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The Column

By Chuck Van Riper

CRISPR

Pairstly, I hope everybody had a good holiday season and whatever you were celebrating didn't get too HOLIDAZED! Wishing everybody peace and love this coming year and beyond. My holiday mantra is always the same.. Is it over yet!? Well, we made it through another year so I thought I'd start off the year talking about a rather controversial issue. Here we go:

Have you heard of CRISPR? No, it's not a new way to keep lettuce cold. No, it's not a dating site for old hippy guitar players. CRISPR is a gene editing technology that allows researchers to modify the DNA of living organisms. It's based on a bacterial immune system that protects against viruses and has many potential applications in medicine and biotechnology. CRISPR (short for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats") is a technology that research scientists use to selectively modify the DNA of living organisms. CRISPR was adapted for use in the laboratory from naturally occurring genome editing systems found in bacteria. Yes, they can now alter your DNA. CRISPR can also be used to detect specific targets, such as DNA from viruses that cause cancer. It was even used as an experimental test to detect the novel coronavirus. CRISPR could help develop medicines for a variety of diseases. For example, CRISPR has been used to treat hereditary blindness and sickle cell disease. CRISPR uses a guide RNA and a DNA-cutting enzyme, usually Cas9, to target and edit DNA. The guide RNA matches up with the DNA to be edited, and the Cas enzyme cuts it. Researchers can then add a new segment of DNA or edit individual DNA letters. The possibilities of using CRISPR for the advancements of medical technology could be truly amazing. Of course, this amazing technology can be used for less noble uses, too. Just give it to the government and see what they want to do with it.

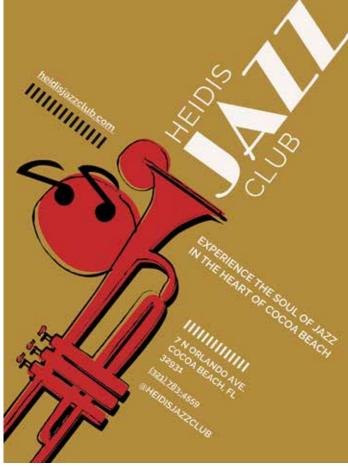
This is kind of reminiscent of the story of the Anunnaki, which I wrote about a little while ago. For those who missed it, here's a quick recap. The Anunnaki were an advanced race of beings who came to Earth hundreds of thousands of years ago to mine gold which they needed to balance the atmosphere on their own planet. After a while, they found out how laborious it was and decided to alter the DNA of the hominids on the planet at the time. They added some of their own DNA and added it to a strand of the hominids DNA then used IVF to implant it into an Anunnaki female, who carried it to term. This was the first homo sapiens species. They then made a workforce of the new humans and had them complete their tasks. The Anunnaki gave them just enough DNA to understand and dig the gold.

Several countries around the world are looking at working with CRISPR to advance their military members, to make their army stronger, to create an army of super fighters. They could use CRISPR to make a soldier more impervious to pain, or give him super strength, superior eye sight, or even make it so he doesn't need as much sleep. In 2022, the People's Liberation Army Academy of Military Sciences reported that a team of military scientists inserted a gene from the tardigrade into human embryonic stem cells. The goal was to create soldiers who could survive nuclear fallout. U.S. Army researchers have created a gene therapy that could protect soldiers from nerve agents. The therapy would allow soldiers to make their own proteins that break down nerve agents, providing protection for months. Genes associated with strength, endurance, and cognitive function could be modified to create soldiers with enhanced physical performance. The possibilities are limitless. I would ask, though, if both sides had these advanced capabilities, what would be the advantage? Who has more of them? And then again, there are the legal and ethical questions that would arise. I would assume every super soldier candidate would have to consent to doing so, in this country anyway. So, what if other less democratic countries just forced candidates to become a superhuman? Does that violate any of the rules of warfare? But imagine a soldier that was imperious to pain, could withstand nuclear fallout, could see miles farther, have super strength, etc. What about when he got home or retired? Imagine playing any sports with him? Maybe he could be a pro boxer. I think they should make them 7th grade teachers. Who would give him any crap? You could possibly edit his DNA to make him the best Scrabble player ever. I don't know if I would mess my DNA up unless it could give me back my hair and teeth.

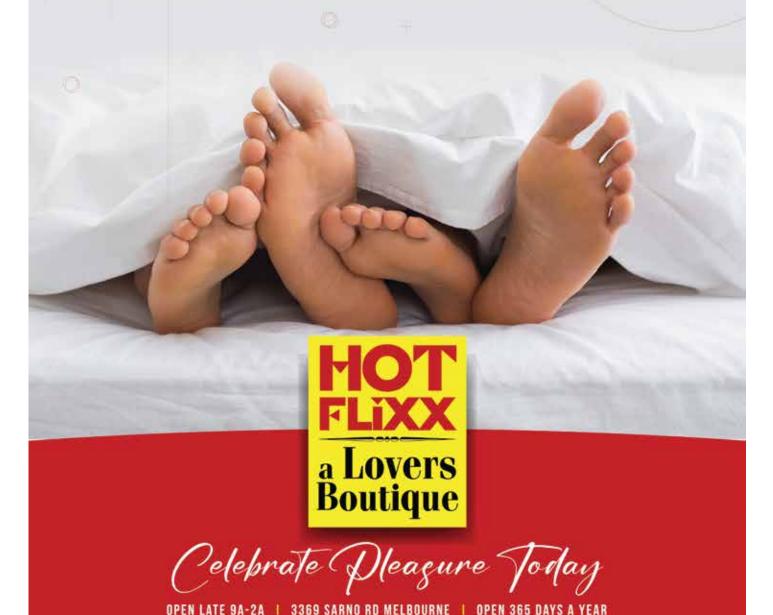
So, that's what we're looking at to start the new year off. A super race or an amazing medical breakthrough. A step forward or backward, who knows. I just want to know who's flying drones over NJ.







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CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy SANDBAR: 8pm TBA SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

2 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Beautiful Bobby Blackmon

FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback DJ

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:

7pm Irina Freckle & The Ron Teixeira Trio

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin Night w/ DJ Oscar SANDBAR: 8pm Karaoke SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Iam

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Tom Wesley Bowman

3 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Chief Cherry Quartet CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Andrew Walker; 8pm DJ COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Dueling Pianos EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Sheepdawgs

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm The Ron Teixeira Trio HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Jeff Bynum

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm

Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Kings County

SANDBAR CB: 4pm TBA; 9pm Cheetah Coalition SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm

SLOW & LOW CB: 6pn Andy Harrington SLOW & LOW Viera:

5:30pm Mike Steele SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Roughouse; 1:30am

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Tidal Theory

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:

7:30pm Absolute Blue

4 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Vince Love & Soul Cats **CADILLAC COVE:** 8pm Phoenix

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Billy Chapman Band EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Tom Jackson Country; 8pm

Checkmate **FOO BAR:** 10pm DJ Dexter **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm
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HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Rockfish

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Will Burkhalter; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Switch

MALABAR MO'S: 4pm Lowell Band

SANDBAR CB: 9pm Vintage **SOCIAL DISTANCE:**

8:30pm DJ Jonny V; 1:30am DJ

SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Floridave

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Jeff Marquix; 6:30pm Kome Back Kid

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Matt Simpson, 7:30pm Stella Blue

5 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Aquinas (deck) CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Anna Delgado Band EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Albert Castiglia Band HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio **KEY WEST BAR:** 9pm The G-Man

LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Radar Red; 7pm Mike Steele MALABAR MO'S: 2pm

Angel & Bruce Duo SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm John

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Fine Tuning; 4pm TBA

McDonald

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Jeff Marquis

6 - MONDAY

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SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua Keels

7 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 6:30pm Music Bingo 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

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CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star w/ Joe Calautti COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Day Tripper HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ KEY WEST BAR: 7pm

G-Man LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm

Super Freak Duo SANDBAR CB: 8pm Terrell on Keys

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

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SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Lil

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Short Circuit

MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Keno B

SANDBAR CB: 4pm TBA; 9pm Bullet Dosgers

SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Dave Myers

SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Tim England

SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Which Doctors; 1:30am DJ

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm TBA **SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:** 7:30pm Swamp Dawgs

11 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Don

Entertainment Calendar

Alexander & The Alley Gators **CADILLAC COVE:** 8pm Luna Pearl

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing CROWNE PLAZA: TBA EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm St. John's Wood; 8pm Black Sheep

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm Hella Ayelet Gal w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country DJ KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Dave Thrift Band

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Ruckus

SANDBAR CB: 4pm Hired Gunz; 9pm Syndicate SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm AK40; 1:30am DJ SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Stay

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Ashkey Bureaux; 6:30pm Kings County

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm James Holler; 7:30pm Forte Band

12 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Phoenix Trio (deck) CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Natty's Common Roots EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Good Bread; Stacy Mitchhart opens

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Emilie-Claire Barlow **LOU'S BLUES:** 2pm Eric Dremmer Band; 7pm T.A. Williams

MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Becks Brotherhood SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Joshua Keels

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Kevin Ebright; 4pm TBA **SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:** 2pm Tidal Theory

13 - MONDAY

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

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam Band

14 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 6:30pm Music Bingo 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

15 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH
CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Amanda Fish Band
HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance
Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Dave Thrift

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Kevin & Georgel

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

16 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm Comedy CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia COCOA BEACH FISH

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm The Scott's

FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Irena Freckle & The Ron Teixeira Trio

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Latin Night w/ DJ Oscar SANDBAR CR: 8pm Karaoke

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Jam

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Lee Zalnoski

17 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Robby King Trio CADILLAC COVE: 8pm DJ COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Dueling Pianos EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Soulicide FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm 1960s Tribute w/ Aolani &

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Pinch

The Ron Teixeira Trio

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Mix Tape Kids

SANDBAR CB: 4pm Over Under; 9pm Innuendo SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Tim England

SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Josh Keels SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Love Valley; 1:30am DJ

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm TBA SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 7:30pm Soul Shot

18 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Harbor City Trio **CADILLAC COVE:** 8pm

Switch

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Radar Red

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Shaw Davis; 8pm Shovelhed FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Arielle

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Heatstroke

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm John McDonald; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Picture Show MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Angel & Bruce Duo **SANDBAR CB:** 9pm Dub

Massive

SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Karalyn & Dawn Patrol; 1:30am DJ

SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Syndicate Duo

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Joshua Keels; 6pm AK40

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Rick Ferrin; 7:30pm Pink Spice

19 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm
The Fog Band (deck)
CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm
Cheetah Coalition
EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm
Tommy Z
HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm
Donald Harrison
KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The
G-Man
LOU'S BLUES: 2pm
Highway 1; 7pm Will Purdy
MALABAR MO'S: 3pm
Moms Night Out
SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ

SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Jeff Bazemore

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Johnny Danger; 4pm Allen Wranko Band

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Sunset Sound

20 - MONDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Swampfox Jam COCOA BEACH FISH

CAMP: 7pm Karaoke
LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty

Bingo SANDBAR CB: 8pm Jam

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 2pm Heatstroke

21 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 6:30pm Music Bingo

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Frankly Trivia FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Teddy

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum

Entertainment Calendar

22 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Tommy Z Band

HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Syd Taylor

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30 Dakota & The Hired Gunz

SANDBAR: 8pm Will B. Solo **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm Acoustic

23 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm

Comedy

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm

Todd Jones **FOO BAR:** 8pm Throwback

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jackson Stokes

HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Juiced

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DI

SQUIDLIPS Mel:6pm The Iam

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Jimmy Mazz

24 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Martini Jazz Trio CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Blue Cabana; 8pm DJ COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Dueling Pianos EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm

High Mileage FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

Sybil Gage

DJ

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Russ Kellum Trio

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Floriduh

SANDBAR CB: 4pm Mondo Tikis; 9pm Jules Rio SLOW & LOW CB: 6pm Wes Hufnagel

SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Tim England SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Midlife Crisis; 1:30am DJ

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6:30pm Kelley B. Collective **SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:** 7:30pm Sting Rays

25 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Omilasa CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Vince Love & The Soul Cats COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Line Dancing CROWNE PLAZA: 5pm Hot Pink

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Short Circuit; 8pm Wicked Garden Gnomes

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 6 & 8:30pm Joe Pug

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Loaded Dice

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Luna Pearl

MALABAR MO'S: 6pm 2 Salty Duo

SANDBAR CB: 4pm Fast Times; 9pm Love Valley **SOCIAL DISTANCE:**

8:30pm Radar Red; 1:30am DJ **SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Ashley Breaux

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 1pm Queen Kelly B.; 6:30pm Stella Blue

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 1pm Luke Allen; 7:30pm Dreamer

26 - SUNDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 2pm Norton (deck) CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Off

The Record **EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 2pm

Roll The Stones

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ The Ron Teixeira Trio KEY WEST BAR: 9pm The

LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Coolers; 7pm Alexander Iames

MALABAR MO'S: 3pm Eclectic Mess

SANDBAR CB: 9pm DJ **SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Bill Cockrell

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm Justin McLeod; 4pm Phoenix **SQUIDLIPS Sebastian:** 2pm Tropic Pulse

27 - MONDAY

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

28 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 6:30pm Music Bingo 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

29 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Krystal Clarke & The Ron Teixeira Trio

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 7pm T.A. Williams

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy

SANDBAR: 8pm Syndicate SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

30 - THURSDAY

BLIND LION: 7:30pm



January 12, 2pm Earl's Hideaway Sebastian

GOOD BREAD

Good Bread is a beautiful and powerful Blues Rock band paying tribute to icons like Tedesci Trucks, Marcus King, The Allman Brothers, and Janis Joplin to name a few. The band has a powerful Rhythm Section, a father and son quitar team, and a dynamic, charismatic and oh so talented lead vocalist. Band members are Rayhner Lasserie percussion, Richie Goldman bass, Cheryl Arena lead vocals. Morgan Born-Aives guitar, and Steve Aives guitar /vocals. If you want to check them out, you can find a few videos on their website at goodbreadband. com, then go see them live at Earl's.

Feb 6, 7:30pm King Center, Melbourne JIM MESSINA

Jim Messina is an American musician, songwriter, singer, guitarist, recording engineer, and record producer. He was a member of the folk rock group Buffalo Spring-field, a founding member of the pioneering country rock band Poco, and half of the soft rock duo Loggins and Messina with Kenny Loggins.

Community Calendar

Comedy

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Jasmine Cain

FOO BAR: 8pm Throwback D.J.

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Rachel Z & Omar Hakim **HURRICANE CREEK**

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Galaxy

SANDBAR CB: 8pm Karaoke

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm DJ

SQUIDLIPS Mel:6pm The Jam

SQUIDLIPS Sebastian: 5:30pm Gene Callahan

31 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Shressir King

CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Syd Taylor; 8pm DJ

COCOA BEACH FISH

CAMP: 9pm Dueling Pianos **EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 8pm Hypersona

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm Robby King Band

HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Mondo Tiki

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Off The Record

MALABAR MO'S: 6pm Keno B

SANDBAR CB: 4pm TBA; 9pm Karalyn & Dawn Patrol **SLOW & LOW CB:** 6pm

Red Fish Rich

SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm TBA

SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm TBA; 1:30am DJ SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm TBA SOUIDLIPS Sebastian:

7:30pm Nothin's Easy

All calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan 1 – 31: Twin River Tour, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Jan 2 – March 23: Flora and Fauna at the Refuge, Palm Bay City Hall, Palm Bay,

Jan 3: First Friday, Eau Gallie Arts District

Jan 3: Friday Fest, City of Cape Canaveral, 321-868-1220

Jan 3 – Feb 2: Banned art and Abandoned Landscapes, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Downtown Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3480

Jan 3 – 19: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-3127

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25: Green Gables Open House, Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, Melbourne, 321-306-8635

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25: Farmer's Market, Riverview Park, Downtown Melbourne, 321-759-3713

Jan 5 & 6: Auditions – Seussical the Musical, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-3127

Jan 5 & 6: Auditions – Something Rotten, Titusville Playhouse, Titusville, 321-268-1125

Jan 7: Speaker Series, Field Manor, Merritt Island, 321-848-0365

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28: Masters Series Painting Classes, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Downtown Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3480 Jan 9: A Triumphant Gospel Quartet Evening, Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, 941-756-6942

Jan 9: Paint like Bob Ross, Derek Gores Gallery, Melbourne, 321-468-3251

Jan 10 – Feb 23: Jersey Boys, Titusville Playhouse, Titusville, 321-268-1125 Jan 11: Back to the 80's, Satellite High School, Satellite Beach, 855-252-7276

Jan 11: Menopause the Musical 2, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Jan 11: Health First Fight Child Hunger 5K, Viera High School, Viera, 321-610-1900 Jan 12: James Hall Quartet,

Jan 12: James Hall Quartet, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island

Jan 13 & 14: Auditions – Waitress; 39 Steps; Alta Boyz, Titusville Playhouse, Titusville, 321-268-1125

Jan 15: Afternoon Tea, Field Manor, Merritt Island, 321-848-0365

Jan 15 & 16: Adventures in Time, Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, mmband.org, 321-724-0555

Jan 17: Lucy Fitz Gibbon & Ryan McCullough, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Indialantic, 321-213-5100

Jan 17: Michael Lington, Chris Standring, & Oli Silk, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Jan 17: Space Race 2025, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, Merritt Island, 855-433-4210

Jan 17 – Feb 9: My Fair Lady, Henegar Center, Downtown Melbourne, 321-723-8698

Jan 17 – Feb 23: Becky's New Car, Melbourne Civic Theatre, Melbourne, 321-723-6935

Jan 18: Mozart and Mother Goose, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Jan 18 – Feb 23: Brevard Renaissance Fair, Melbourne Jan 19: Sunday Brunch, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Jan 22 – 26: Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival, Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral

Jan 23 – 26: The Edwards Twins, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, 321-783-3127 Jan 24: Beginner Acrylic Painting Class, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Downtown Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3480

Jan 24: Dinner Cruise with Sugar Aunts, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Jan 26: Chicago, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219 Jan 26: Old Fashion Lunch

Cruises, Indian River Queen, Cocoa Village Marina, 321-305-4753

Jan 28 & 29: Annie, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Jan 29 & 30: Tales from the Mouse, Melbourne Auditorium, Melbourne, 321-724-0555

Jan 31: Glen Miller Orchestra, King Center, Melbourne
Jan 31 – Feb 16: Hello Dolly,
Cocoa Village Playhouse,
Historic Cocoa Village, 321-636-5050

Jan 31 – Feb 23: Escape to Margaritaville, Titusville Playhouse, Titusville, 321-268-1125

Jan 31 – June 20: Immersion in Watercolor, Studios of Cocoa Beach, Downtown Cocoa Beach, 321-613-3480

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On My Mind

By Steve LeClair

here's a saying that pops up in my I social media pages quite often that goes 'Think about all the people you would never have met if it weren't for music'. That really hits home lately to me. As we end the year and start reflecting on the past along with the future, it couldn't be a more telling quote. If you're like me, it's been a hard couple of years especially lately as many of my friends and family are reaching those magical years of being over 60. That said, poor health and even death has been more in the conversations lately... more than I care to hear really.

This year I lost a very close friend of 40+ years to cancer who I met when he tagged along with my best friend to a Patti Smith concert. We hit it off because of our love of music and that he also played guitar. From that day, we shared concert experiences, made copies of music, jammed and discussed about life in general (and our growing families). His struggles and passing away hit me as the quote above does. If it weren't for music, I would have probably never met him (and also my best friend at that time as we met in the dorms at USF either from him hearing music blasting from my room or visa versa.... the memory is blurred. LOL) and shared those years of fun, laughter and friendship. Music has always been a part of my life.

My parents always had music playing, my mom was a musician, though she mainly just played for friends and family, and I started listening to 45's of my aunts of the music of the late 50's and early 60's as young as four years old. I think because of my love for music I gravitated to people who shared that love and throughout my years whether it be school or work or social events, I created many friends. Memories of songs and moments run through our lives and bring about special feelings, whether it was the first time you met your partner or that memory of having a great time with friends at an event. I remember doing "name that tune" at our office matching wits with my boss who was equally a music geek

laughing and creating a much needed break. One of my supervisor peers that I met over 10 years ago still shares musical knowledge and experiences via the internet and that friendship started over a discussion as our cubicles backed up to each other. Music also consoles us in time of despair. It becomes a friend that helps us get by.

What I've come to find in our Brevard Music scene is pretty much the same. It's an awesome group of musicians, artists, and people in general who support music whether they are DJs, bloggers, band members, parents and teachers who encourage music. I've been in bands for the greater part of fifteen years here in Brevard County and find it as a great brother(sister) hood. It's sort of one big family and friends. The bond of music with my band mates has turned into friendships. People who watch us play and engage with us at breaks or after shows have become friends. Without music I would have never met so many great people and made so many friends. I know there are other common interest items such as sports, religion, politics, kids etc but music seems to always be there whether it's a concert, a local venue with music playing, music streaming or radio blasting.

With so much going on these days, take some time to reflect or take some time and visit a local venue and strike up a conversation about music. You may just find a life long friend.

Happy New Year 2025



January 18 & 19, Riverview Park, Sebastian

Sebastian Riverfront Art & Music Festival

Sebastian's beautiful Riverview Park is the setting for the Sebastian Riverfront Fine Art and Music Festival held the weekend of Saturday, January 18th from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, January 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. This is the 23rd annual festival. Over 100 juried artists will have their work on display and for sale.

There will be food and beverage vendors along with a nice line up of music. On Saturday the featured musicians are James Holler at 10 am and Eric Harpe Country Blues Duo at 2 pm. Sunday morning at 10 am Anna and Will take the stage, followed by the Sirsy at 1 pm. The admission is free.

www.SebastianArtShow.com.









Questions with Corey Kipps

By Steve Keller

Singer/songwriter Corey Kipps has traveled many different roads both physically and metaphorically to land here in Central Florida. A couple of those adventures may have fueled his latest songs in hopes of achieving success in the music industry. *Brevard Live* sat down with him for this installment of Five Questions...

What brought you to Florida?

Corey Kipps: I'm originally from West Virginia. I was born and raised there, and I moved to Montana when I was 23. I spent 3 years there apprenticing as an audio engineer. Then I moved here to Palm Bay in 2020. I wanted to execute my plans for music near a hotspot and close to Orlando, and I conveniently had family here. Been here since July 17th, 2020.

How long have you been playing music in Brevard?

CK: I didn't start until November of 2022. It took a while to build an acoustic show from absolutely nothing; no gear, no setlist, etc. I DoorDashed to get the bare minimum and spent my evenings rehearsing tons of covers. Once I started though, I never stopped.

What made you want to put a band together versus stay a solo act?

CK: The reason a band is happening in the first place is because I have an album's worth of original music that needs to be released and I don't want to do the acoustic thing forever. I want to release and play music that has drums, vocal harmonies, the full package. That's probably the primary factor setting the band apart from the solo gigs. When seeing the band live, you'll get covers just like when I play solo acoustic, but you'll also get original music that you can go and watch a music video for and find on *Spotify* and the like, all with the full sound. The solo gigs have taken on a life of their own and it's become easy to manage against piecing a band together, so there's not much of a challenge yet. When the band fully launches in March though, we'll see how long it stays easy.

How did you find your band members?

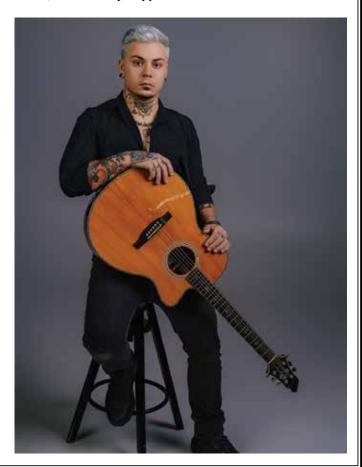
CK: I found some, some found me. It took a few incarnations to get it to what it is now, but Keaton, Aron and Rattlesnake Rob are quite simply the coolest dudes ever. They are each very strong musicians, Rob was even in Breathing

Theory. We have a blast every rehearsal, we've shot a video that's coming out on the first of the year, it has just been so much fun. The single is called "Loving You Right". I actually released an acoustic version of it in early 2024 that is still available online. This new full-band version was recorded, mixed, and mastered in my home studio. I wrote and recorded the framework by myself and then brought each member in individually to put their parts in. The lyrics talk about a night out with an old flame, or perhaps a new one. The words can be a tad suggestive in spots, but I like to live dangerously. I want to thank Silver Slate Visuals and Rad Ink in helping produce the music video.

How would you describe your sound to a music fan?

CK: It just sounds like me. It sounds like me writing music as naturally and connected as I ever have. If we're talking genre, it's rock with a little bit of country and pop in there. The subject matter of the songs varies. My upcoming single is simply about having a good time. I have another song about missing someone. I have another about how difficult the music industry can be for an up-and-comers. Usually, the lyrics are ways that I have felt in my own life and wish to express, but delivered in a way that really works for people that just love music.

Visit Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok, YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, under Corey Kipps.









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Get Your "Crowne" On

By Heike Clarke

Hotels are there to accommodate tourists and other out-of-towners, right? Well, it's always the exception to the rule that makes the big splash. The Crowne Plaza has been community oriented from its very beginning. Its gorgeous ocean deck, always the best in the county, has hosted many legendary events from "Jamakin Me Crazy" in the 80s and 90s to rock and smooth jazz concerts. The restaurant and bar has always been open to the public, and their ballroom has been a great place for Holiday Buffets and many private events. Their doors are wide open, and the management invited *Brevard Live Magazine* last month to re-confirm their community minded mission.

It helps to get this message across when the new Food and Beverage Manager is a "homeboy." If you are familiar with the hospitality industry beachside, you have met Jeff Day who started his job at the Crowne Plaza about six months ago. Jeff has been around for decades working at Lou's Blues as bartender and manager. He moved on to Cantina Dos Amigos, first as manager, then he bought the business and was the owner for several years until Jeff decided to sell his business and take a break. Six months ago he started a new chapter in his business career as food and beverage manager of the Crowne Plaza. You guessed it, Jeff is the one who called *Brevard Live Magazine* and wants to introduce the improved ocean deck, kitchen, and the always available free parking across the street with a walk bridge that gets you safe over SR A1A. And I was while there, Jeff invited me to a delicious lunch.

Let's start with Brevard's best ocean deck that now features three tiki huts that keep the sun out of your face and contribute to the tropical atmosphere. Then there is a big stage where you find some of the area's best bands perform-

ing every weekend in the afternoon and early evening. Mark your calendar: Hot Pink, Brevard's most popular band, is on the schedule for Saturday, January 25th from 5-9 pm. (See ad and our calendar for the monthly line-up.) All live music is booked by Jason Noon aka *Sol Shine Syndicate*.

The deck is part of the Crowne's *Longboard Oceanfront Grille*. Executive chef is Joe Chaiphum who has made his rounds through the upper local culinary scene like the legendary Matt's Casbah (I still miss it) and Frigate's, among others. There is a Breakfast Buffet from 6:30 to 11am offering many specialties along with Mimosa, Bloody Mary and a view. There's Seafood Sunday from 11 am to 10 pm with shrimp, scallops, snow crab, snapper and more. The regular menu has an nice array of appetizers, salads, tacos, sushi, seafood, bowls and plates, mostly under \$30. The prices are very reasonable (considering the view). The entire ambiance, taste, attitude - all is classy with a touch of luxury.

I was invited to try their wings, Verlasso Salmon with asparagus and pineapple fried rice, and a Chicken Teriyaki Bowl. It was all delicious, served on a banana leaf... pinch me, I'm on vacation! If you want to be a regular, there is a rewards program waiting for you. Loyalty pays off. No app or so, just a simple card that will be stamped.

It was a rainy afternoon when I visited - it didn't even matter. The dishes were yummy, the view of the ocean with heavy clouds piled upon was still amazing, and the company of some friendly executives was excellent. Let me introduce you. Photo from left to right: Our friend Jeff Day, his assistant Food and Beverage manager Martin Carlswaerd Forsberg, Chef Joe Chaiphun, and the Food and Beverage Director for the Crowne and Element 7 (the new hotel next door) Andrew Sokol. Director of Sales Dan Anderson said hello as well. We have dealt with each other for years via email, first time we met in person. He grew up in Cocoa Beach and knows the Space Coast well. We like that!

Next time you need a mini-vacation, check out the Crowne Plaza. It's a piece of paradise.









Brevard Live



The Groove Kids

Well, as we enter into a new year, 2025, I can only hope it is much better than 2024. Tough year, but just thinking about myself. I wish all a very Happy New Year with all the happiness and love you deserve.

What better way to start out a new year of reviews than doing one for the local band "The Groove Kids," a young teen rock band from the Space Coast.

I have followed them for a couple of years now and was excited to have an opportunity to get to review them - at a car show. I entered my hot rod in the CFEC toy drive car show recently and was pleased to find out that they were performing. The Groove Kids harken me back to my old high school band days, playing at sock hop dances, homecomings, teen towns and the like.

The Groove Kids are Brylee Martin – lead singer and rhythm guitarist. Brylee is 15 years old and a sophomore at Satellite High where she is active in cheerleading and musical theatre. Brylee's passion is writing music. She writes all the original music for the band. She enjoys hunting and fishing with her Dad, She started singing and performing at age seven. She is doing dual enrollment and will be graduating with her AA degree. She would love to go to the University of Florida.

Playing drums and backup vocals is fourteen-year-old Gavin DePalma, an eighth grader at Hoover Middle School. He is the youngest member of the band and despite being hearing impaired, he has perfect pitch! He became obsessed with music as a young child primarily due to the hearing therapy he received was music inspired. He plays guitar, bass and keyboards. He is involved with the Jazz band and orchestra at school. His dream is to continue on as a career drummer in a rock band.

Erin Peterson plays lead guitar. She is a sixteen-year-old sophomore at Satellite High. She is very active in the SHS marching and jazz bands. She plays Symphonic band trombone and Orchestra bass. Erin likes to working on, arranging and producing music. She also likes refurbishing guitars. She plans on attending Florida State and dreams of being in the FSU marching band.

The Groove Kids were put together in 2019 when they were taking private lessons at "The Groove Shack". After 2 years of practicing and performing

at local recitals, in 2021, they ventured out and started performing all over the Space Coast. They have performed at many venues including Lou's Blues and Captain Hiram's, Space Coast State Fair, Melbourne October Fest, just to name a few. I've caught them at Bill and Melanie's Brevard County Car Shows several times.

The Groove Kids song list is quite impressive. Every time I have the pleasure of seeing them, there are new songs on the set list. They have no fear performing some quite technical tunes. From Ozzy, Led Zeppelin, ZZ Top, Bon Jovi, Deep Purple and even with some more current tunes mixed in. The Groove kids are a must-see band. For this old musician it warms my heart to see these young folks on stage performing like seasoned professionals. A quick note! They are in need of a bass player!! You can reach The

A quick note! They are in need of a bass player!! You can reach The Groove Kids through their manager Bonnie Martin at 321-403-3021.

Until next time!!





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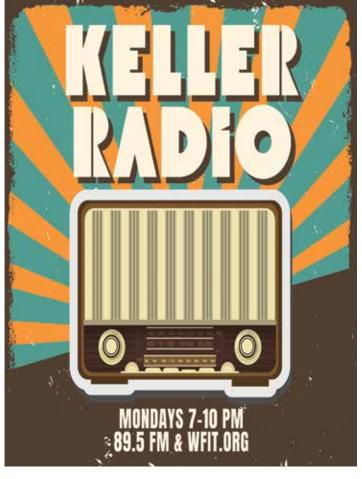
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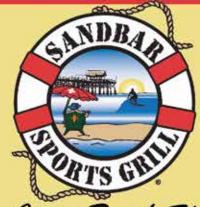
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