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48th Annual Grand Bay



Watermelon Festival

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Who we are: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows And Rebekahs

MOTTO:



“Friendship, Love, Truth”

We are the family of Odd Fellowship, composed of Men, Women, and Youth, believing in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe, who have come together in our local communities having the same beliefs and values as others, that Friendship, Love and Truth are the basic guidelines that we need to follow in our daily lives. Through working in our local Communities, States, Provinces, or Nationally we understand that we can make a difference in the lives of people in our World.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) began in 18th Century England, it was deemed *odd* to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefits of all mankind. Our deep history in North America began with the United States and Canada in 1819, and is continually expanding throughout the World where we are a worldwide fraternity in 26 countries. Grand Bay Lodge #73 was formed in 1873. The Lodge Charter was at Freeland Lane in downtown Grand Bay. The Lodge Charter was renewed in 1984 and is now located at Grand Bay Odd Fellows Festival Park.

The Rebekah's are also a Fraternal Order of the IOOF, as well as a Service Organization. Grand Bay's Martha Rebekah Lodge #29 was chartered in 1984. Rebekah's exhibit the true principles of Odd Fellowship which are Friendship, Love, and Truth and are extended to rendering service to our communities – SERVICE IS OUR GOAL. Ideally, an Odd Fellows lodge is a place for fellowship in all its forms, from hanging out and just having fun, to discussion, to networking, to collaboration on creative and constructive projects, all with an eye not only on our own satisfaction but on what we might offer to the community at large.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are striving to make the world a better place in which to live, seeking:
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Do you believe in a supreme being, the creator and preserver of the universe?

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I believe in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man;
I believe in Friendship, Love and Truth as basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind;
I believe my home, my church or temple, my lodge, and my community deserve my best work, my modest pride, my earnest faith, and my deepest loyalty, as I perform my duty “to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan” and as I work with others to build a better world, because, in spirit and in truth, I am and must always be, grateful to my Creator, faithful to my country and fraternal to my fellow-man;

I AM AN ODD FELLOW!

REBEKAH CREED

I AM A REBEKAH:

I believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man, and the Sisterhood of woman.
I believe in the watch-words of our Order – Friendship, Love and Truth.
Friendship – is like a golden chain that ties our hearts together. Love – is one of our most precious gifts, the more you give, the more you receive. Truth – is the standard by which we value people. It is the foundation of our society.
I believe that my main concern should be my God, my family, and my friends. Then I should reach out to my community and the World, for in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters.

I AM A REBEKAH!

*Please Take the Time
To Remember Our
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*“Freedom is not free.”
Thank you to all of our Veterans!!*

Welcome to the 48th Annual Grand Bay Watermelon Festival

**Presented by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,
Grand Bay Lodge #73 and Martha Rebekah Lodge #29**

Festival Chairman	Monnie Tripp
Event Coordinator	Patty Tripp
Queen Director	Danielle Vest
Queen Co-Director	Elizabeth Davis



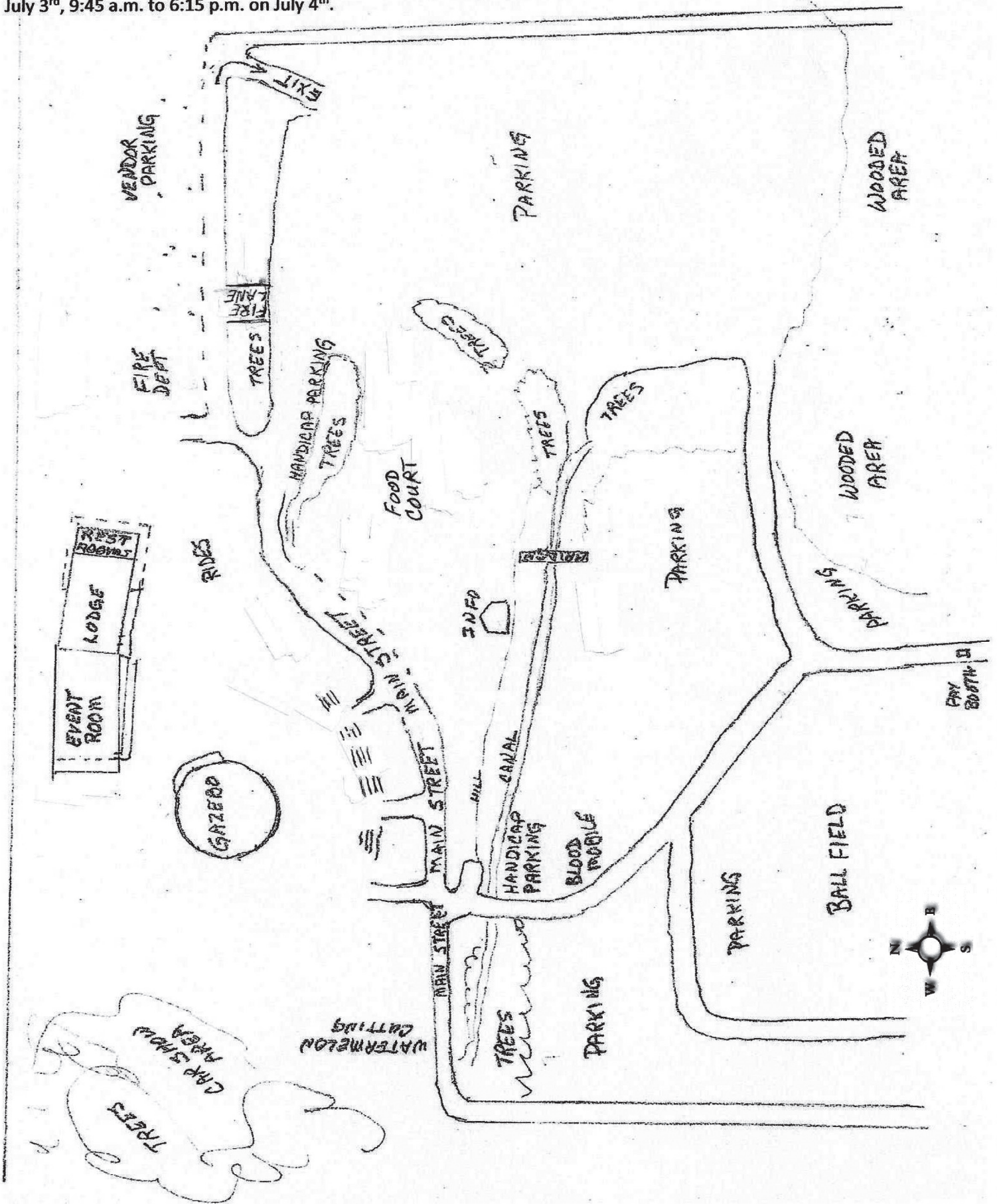
2021 Grand Bay Watermelon Festival Queens

We want you to be sure to enjoy all the sliced ice-cold Grand Bay Watermelon you can eat & have a wonderful time!

A SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to thank the entire community for their support and encouragement of Grand Bay Lodge #73 and Martha Rebekah Lodge #29's efforts to bring you the 48th Annual Grand Bay Watermelon Festival. We would like to thank our wonderful Sponsors, listed on our Schedule of Events page; all of our program advertisers; local TV and Radio Stations; Sessions Farm Market who donated our delicious watermelons; all of the volunteers; and to everyone else who helped in any way. *Many thanks also to Senator David Sessions, Mobile County Commissioner Randall Dueitt, and Representative Chip Brown for their service to our community and the Grand Bay Watermelon Festival.* Please support all of our advertisers and sponsors with your business. They all really care about our community. If you would like to be a sponsor, or advertise in our program, visit our web site: www.grandbaywatermelonfestival.org. If you are interested in joining Grand Bay Lodge #73 or Martha Rebekah Lodge #29, call: 251-865-3456.

NOT TO SCALE Vendor and Attraction Areas are closed to vehicle traffic during Festival times: 2:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on July 3rd, 9:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on July 4th.



48th Annual Grand Bay Watermelon Festival

Schedule of Events

STAGE AND PERFORMANCE AREA

JULY 3rd

3:00 – 6:00 Music by – Fair River Station
6:00 – 7:00 Community Worship Service
Led by Rev. Calep Lewis, Cowboy Baptist Church

Entertainment, Food and Vendors open 3-7 pm

JULY 4th

10:00 – Festival Opening Ceremony
 Flag Raising by Retired Marines
 National Anthem and Pledge –
 by Miss Holin Sauce
 Invocation – Jonny Gaston, Reach My City

10:10 – Welcome Address

10:15 – Presentation of
 2022 Watermelon Festival Queens
 Queen’s Watermelon Eating Contest

10:30 – Recognition of Special Guests:
 Oldest Person Present
 Person Who Traveled the Farthest (to get here)

10:45 K-9 Demonstration

11:30 – 12:45 — Music – Persuader’s Band

12:45 – Dance to the Watermelon Crawl
 (in front of the Gazebo)
 If you know it, dance to it!

1:00 – 1:15 – Southern Poise Dance Center

1:15 – 1:30 – Political Candidates
 (Register to speak at Information Booth)

1:30 – 2:15 – Music by The Persuaders

2:15 – Car Show Awards sponsored by

2:30 – 5:00 Music by The Persuaders

5:00 – Music by Gavin Parker

6:00 – We hope you enjoyed your day!

8:15 – **Fireworks Display**

ENTERTAINMENT

Both days

Bungee Jump Meltdown

ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Bounce House Combo
Obstacle Course Water Slide

11:00 – Pretty Baby Contest
 (inside building)

MUST Pre-register by 1:00 at the Information Booth and sign waiver to participate in Races and Games

2:00 – Races and Games
 in front of Gazebo

Hula Hoop Competition, 3-Legged Race,
 Potato Sack Race, Watermelon Carry Race
 Watermelon Eating Contest (cutting area)

Grand Bay

Watermelon Festival

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2022 GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL QUEENS



Queens by age group:

17 – 18 Year Old Queen – Aliyah Billiot

14 – 16 Year Old Queen – Alivia Fox

11 – 13 Year Old Queen – Annaley Taylor

7 – 10 Year Old Queen – Emerson Fournier

4 – 6 Year Old Queen – Paislie Jones

FESTIVAL QUEEN: Aliyah Billiot

Congratulations to
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Rebekah President – Sister Edith Nicewonger

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May God bless each of you, your community, our state, and our nation.*



Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Grand Bay Lodge #73 Officers

Noble Grand	Monnie Tripp
Past Noble Grand	Vacant
Vice Grand	Tony Wilson
Secretary	Grayling Christian
Treasurer	Patty Tripp
Chaplain	Fletcher Hayes
Trustees	Grayling Christian
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	Monnie Tripp



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Noble Grand	Patty Tripp
Past Noble Grand	Vacant
Vice Grand	Monnie Tripp
Secretary	Elizabeth Davis
Treasurer	Danielle Vest
Chaplain	Ann Bennett



**ALABAMA STATE SENATOR
DAVID SESSIONS (R)
Senate District 35
(Mobile County)
Phone Number: 334-261-0882
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Senator David Sessions was elected to the Alabama Senate on November 6, 2018. He graduated from Mobile County High School in 1978 and is a farmer and co-owner of Sessions Farms, a diversified family farming operation in South Mobile County.

Senator Sessions currently serves as president of Grand Bay Water Works, and Producers Gin Co. LLC. Additionally, he serves as a supervisor on the board of the Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District. He is past president of the Alabama Pecan Growers Association.

Senator Sessions is married to Lisa Driskell Sessions and they have three children. He and his family attend First Baptist Church in Grand Bay.

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**Randall Dueitt
District 3
(South Mobile County)
(251) 574-3000**

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Commissioner Dueitt, a native of Theodore and lifelong resident of Mobile County, was elected to represent the people of District 3 in 2020. He is a 23-year veteran of the Mobile County Sheriff’s Office and views service as District 3’s Commissioner to be a natural progression of his previous quarter-century of public service in law enforcement.

Commissioner Dueitt’s goals are to contribute to the successful growth of Mobile County by listening to constituents, assisting economic development efforts through partnerships and collaboration, and by supporting schools, community centers and local businesses. He believes it is important that he be an active participant in the success of his community and has pledged to be available, transparent and productive as District 3’s Commissioner. An avid outdoorsman, he believes in the importance of protecting and providing community access to the area’s natural resources, especially since Mobile County’s Bay and Gulf coastlines form the east and south borders of District 3.

Commissioner Dueitt has four children who attend Mobile County Public Schools.



**ALABAMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHIP BROWN (R)
House District 105
(Mobile County)
(334) 261-0447**

Representative Chip Brown is a lifelong resident of South Alabama. He and his wife Aimee have been married for 16 years, have one son Harry, and live on Hollingers Island.

Representative Brown serves as the CEO of a security training firm. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Chip joined the Alabama Army National Guard and served on active duty with the US Army and US Central Command at the Forward Command Headquarters during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also deployed twice as a Military Adviser based in Kabul, Afghanistan for NATO-International Security Assistance Force and US Forces Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Representative Brown is a former Chairman of the board for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alabama and for several years has volunteered his time serving as a youth baseball, football, soccer and basketball coach. He is a graduate of Troy State University, The Defense Department Information School and is currently in the Graduate Program of National University.

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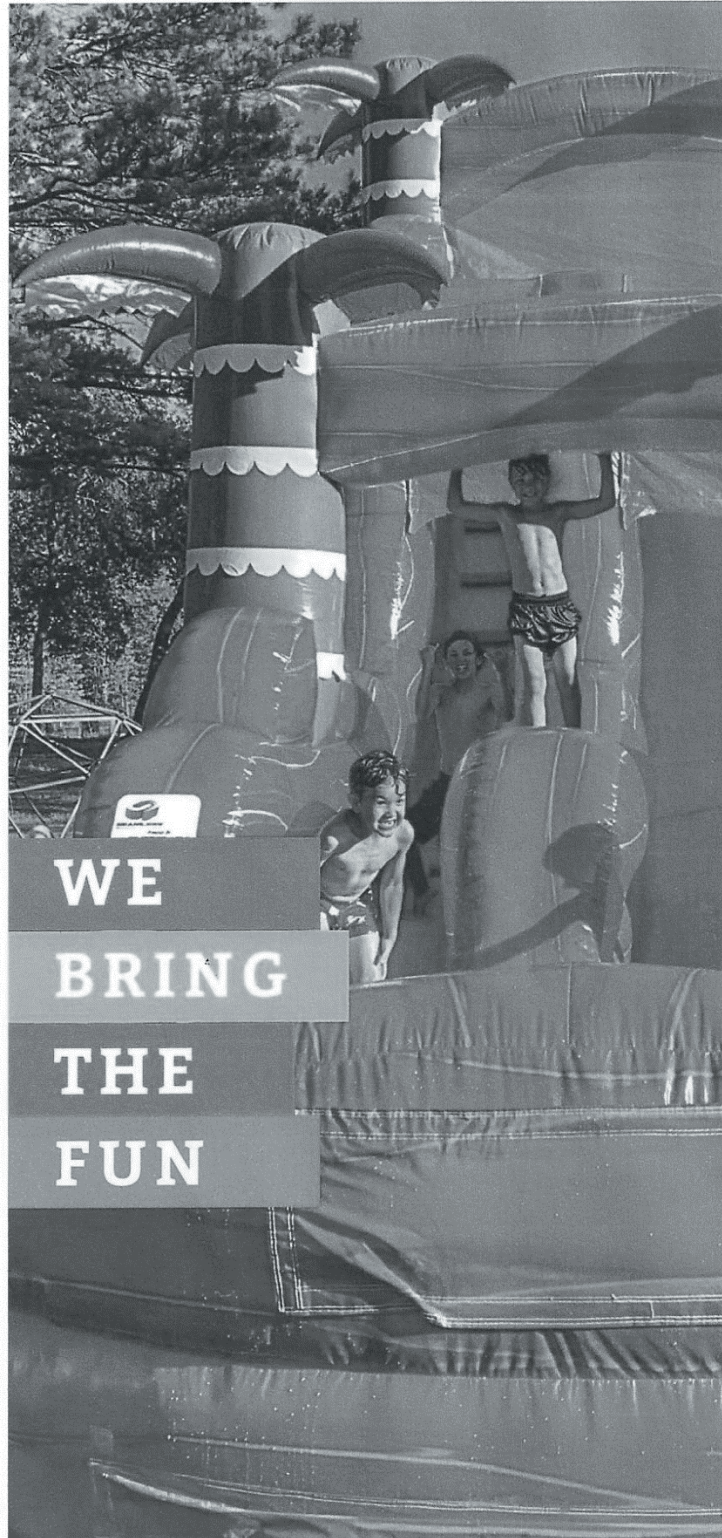
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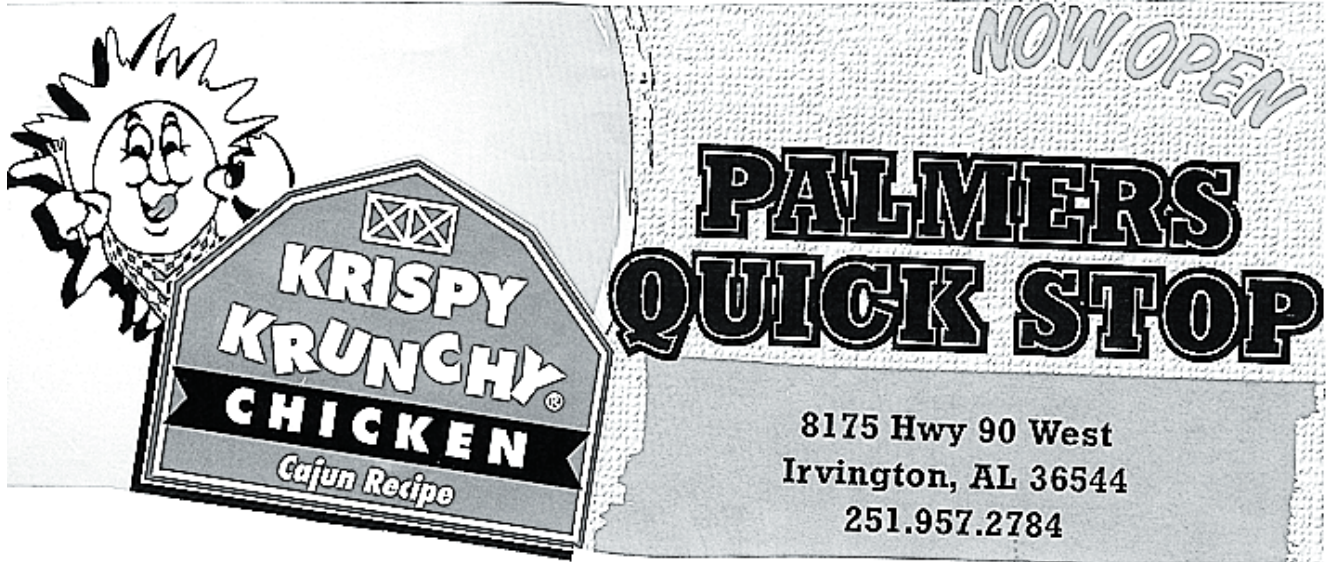


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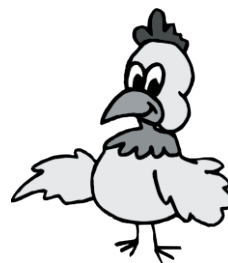


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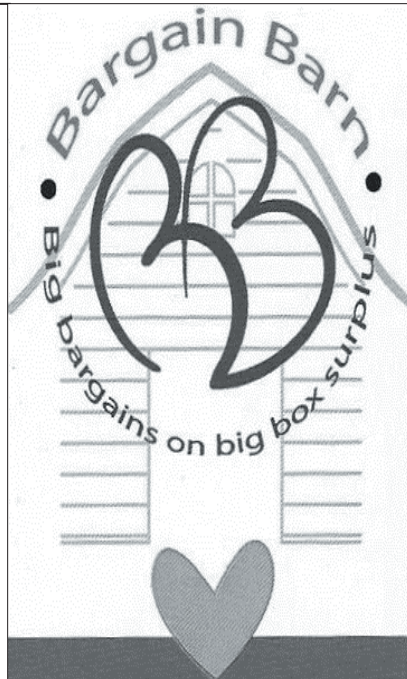
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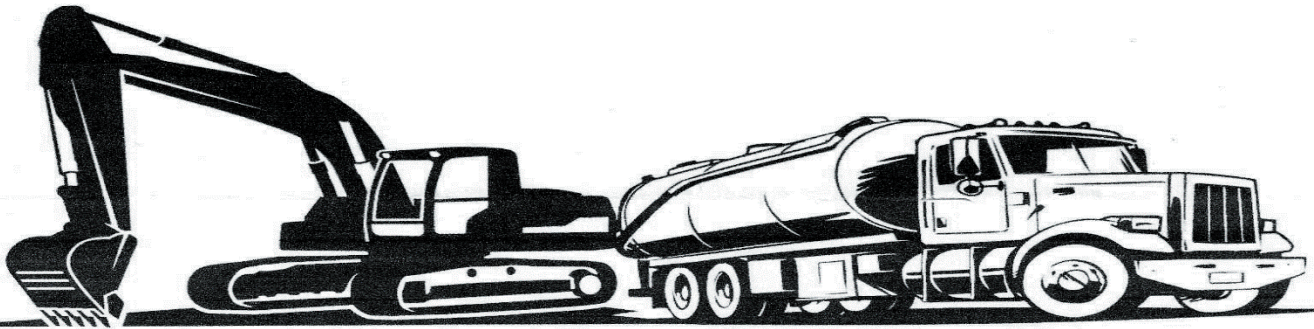
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would like to wish you a Happy and Safe 4th of July! Use plenty of Sunscreen and drink lots of water. If using fireworks please use extreme precautions so you and your family stay safe.

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We need you!

NUTRITION

Lycopene Leader

Watermelon is the Lycopene Leader in fresh produce, having higher concentrations of lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable. In fact, fresh watermelon contains higher levels of lycopene than fresh tomatoes - a 2-cup serving of watermelon contains an average of 18.16 mg and one medium-sized tomato contains 4 mg.

Heart Healthy

Watermelon has heart healthy properties because it is naturally low in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol.

A recent study by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) about watermelon consumption and heart healthy benefits was completed and published March 2007. The NWPB has four new structure-function claims derived from this study:

1. Watermelon consumption increases free arginine and citrulline, which can help maintain cardiovascular function.
2. Eating watermelon can help maintain cardiovascular health.
3. Watermelon has amino acids such as citrulline and arginine that help maintain the arteries.
4. Watermelon amino acids citrulline and arginine can help maintain blood flow and heart health.

USDA News Release "Watermelon Serves Up Medically Important Amino Acid"



5-A-Day turns to Fruit and Veggies More Matters!

The Produce for Better Health Foundation, American Cancer Institute, ACIR Report indicates people who eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables every day have half the risk of developing cancer as those who only eat one or two servings per day. That's a very good reason to eat your fruit and vegetables! Look for recipe that serving contain at least one serving of fruits and vegetables with no more than 30% of the calories from fat, 10% from saturated fat, 100 milligrams cholesterol and 480 milligrams sodium.



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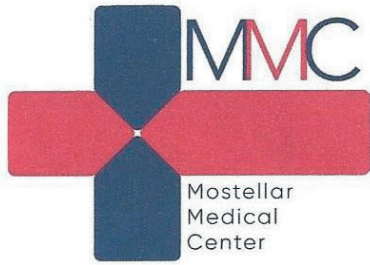
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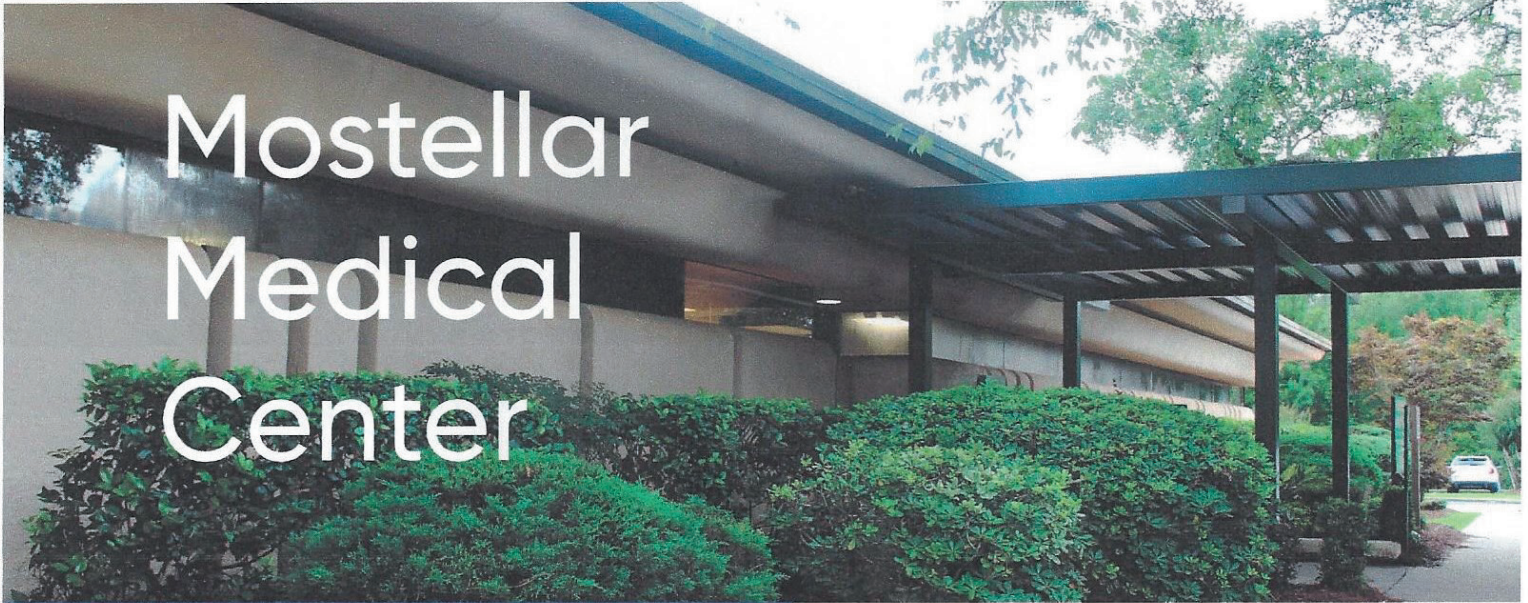
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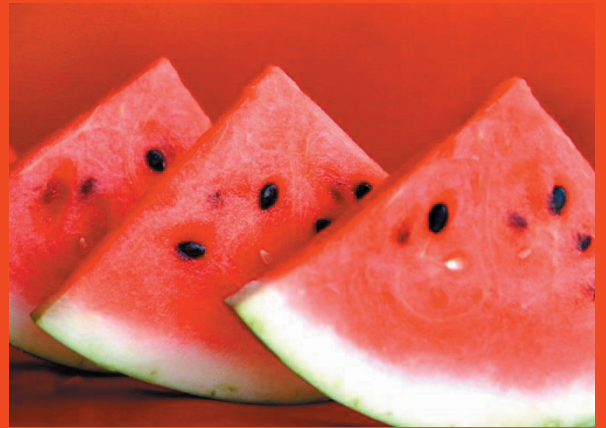
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