

# The KoSA CHRONICLES



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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mardi Gras season is officially here, and this year marks an important turning point for the Krewe of St. Andrews. For the first time in many, many years, the Krewe is overseeing ALL festival and parade operations. This is a significant change and a critical step toward securing the future of our festival, our parades, and our Krewe.

Our collaboration with the City of Panama City has been excellent, and Destination Panama City continues to be a strong supporter. Working closely with these partners has provided valuable insight and helped lay the groundwork for long-term success.

This year's main parade will feature 51 entries, with over 62 vendors, making this one of our largest events to date. With balls, parades, and events happening nearly every weekend, this has been an especially busy month, and we sincerely thank everyone who has attended meetings, volunteered, and offered support.

The success of this festival matters—not just this year, but for the future of everything we do. This model only works if we work together, and it truly cannot succeed without the involvement of our members. Volunteers are still needed for safety barriers during the St. Andrews Parade, parade entry check-in, staging assistance, bar support, parking coordination, and more.

We are grateful to our community partners providing shuttle services:

Friday: Beck Avenue to surrounding side streets up to Hickory before and after the parade, and to the Kids' staging area at 15th Street

Saturday: Between Beck Avenue and Oakland Terrace, and along Bayview from 13th to 15th Streets

There is a job for everyone, and every skill set is valuable. Whether you can help for an hour or a full day, your time and talents are needed.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment during this pivotal Mardi Gras season. I'm proud of what we're building together.

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# LETTER FROM OUR KING AND QUEEN

The King, Queen and royal court are honored to represent the Krewe in all of the activities this Mardi Gras season. We would like to thank all the volunteers and committees; you are essential to the Krewe's success. We are grateful for your hard work; your efforts truly make a difference.

We kicked off the season with the Twelfth-night blessing of the floats. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and camaraderie. The royal court and ladies along with President Pam and Nick represented in true Krewe style at the Springtime Tallahassee ball, continuing our friendship and connection with other Krewes.

The King and Queen were honored to celebrate with the Krewe and all of our special guests at the KoSA ball. It was a memorable night with excellent entertainment, full dance floor and great food and cocktails. A heart filled thank you to everyone who contributed to making the ball a fantastic success. The energy of all the attendees created an unforgettable evening.



The Marriage to the Sea is a great traditional event that we continue every year. Congratulations to Sherri Rice, the new BABY'S MAMMA!!

All of the krewe members that attended the Defuniak Springs parade had a great time. It might not be the biggest parade, but it is sure fun and it gets bigger every year. The Krewe of Yak are always wonderful hosts. We are excited for the upcoming parades and Mardi Gras events.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.  
King Mike and Queen Terri



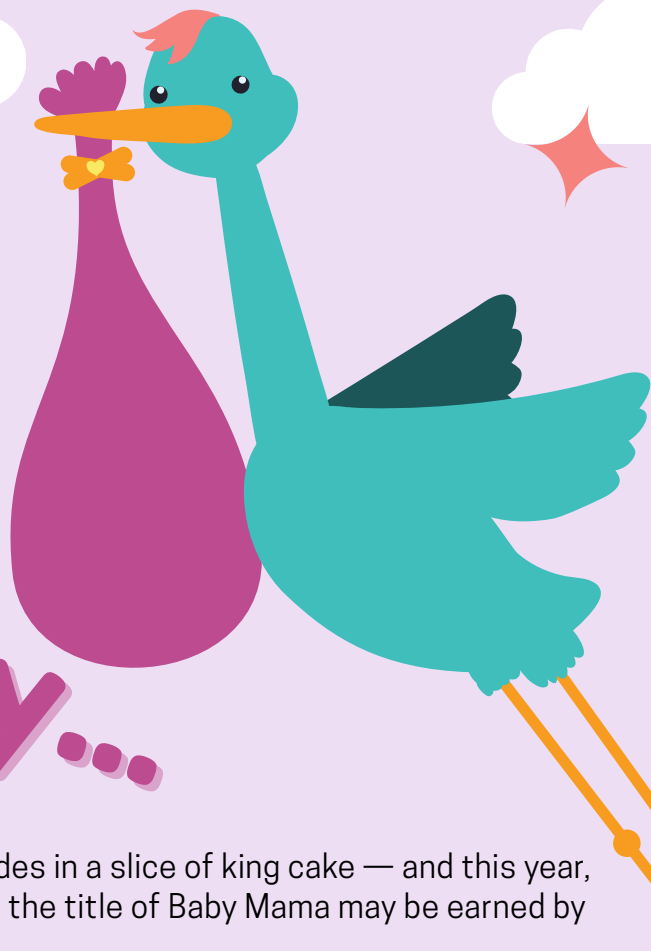
SAY HELLO TO OUR 2026 BABY

# Baby Nola

formal name

**Magnolia Jubilee Rice**

Future Queen of Good Times and Patron Saint of Parades



## Hello Sherry... your 2026 baby mama



Sometimes Mardi Gras destiny hides in a slice of king cake — and this year, the baby found Sherry Rice. While the title of Baby Mama may be earned by chance, it suits her perfectly.

A Panama City Beach local since 2011, Sherry moved here for one very good reason: the beach. By day, she works as a bookkeeper and office manager in the hospitality world, keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes. When Mardi Gras season arrives, though, she's all about the people — the laughter, the parties, and being right in the middle of the parade.

What Sherry loves most about Mardi Gras is the camaraderie. The music, the shared joy, and the feeling that everyone is in it together. That same outlook shows up in how she lives her life: stay true to who you are, don't change to fit in, and the right people will always find their way to you.

If her Baby Mama reign had a theme song, it would be "Don't Stop Believin'" — a perfect match for someone who brings the fun, skips the drama, and knows how to enjoy the ride.

### the Sherry edit...

**Fun fact:**  
Former correctional officer

**Best concert:**  
Chicago & The Beach Boys

**Go-to drink:**  
Ultra beer

With two granddaughters  
already happily spoiled,  
Sherry enters Baby Mama  
life as a well-qualified,  
well-practiced girl-mom.



# Welcome

## new members

I've spent much of my career in public service, including serving as Postmaster in Orange Beach, Alabama, and as Chairman of the Orange Beach Planning Commission. I've also been involved with the Orange Beach Chamber of Commerce through board service. Today, I continue to give back by volunteering with the American Red Cross in Bay County and twice a year with Youth Extreme Ministries, a camp that provides children with disabilities the chance to experience activities they might not otherwise have, including fishing and archery.

Matt Bickers



I'm originally from Australia, the youngest of seven—and the only one who left my hometown. I moved to the States 16 years ago and eventually settled in Panama City after some back-and-forth with military life. It felt like home right away, especially because of the family I've built here. I've been in real estate for 22 years and love the marketing and creative side of the business. When I'm not working, you'll usually find me outdoors with my kids and pups—fishing, camping, at the beach, paddle boarding, or exploring local springs and trails.

Angela Tanfield



I'm a Panama City native and an electrical engineer with over 23 years of civil service supporting the U.S. Navy, where I conduct research in robotics and unmanned systems to help protect our warfighters.

Outside of work, I enjoy the coastal lifestyle and spend much of my time boating, diving, spearfishing, and designing and building my own spearguns. I'm a proud father of two sons, one in middle school and one in high school, and I value the time we spend together playing video games and airsoft. In my free time, I also enjoy hands-on projects, mountain biking, and working out.

Lee Cofer



# YOUR ALL-ACCESS KREWE PASS (NO BEADS REQUIRED)

Your member portal is where you'll find event registration, Krewe dates, announcements, and member information — all in one place.

- Open a web browser
- Go to [standrewsmardigras.com](http://standrewsmardigras.com)
- Click Member Login
- In the Username or E-mail field, enter the email address you used with the Krewe
- Forgot your password? No worries — happens to the best of us.
- Click “Forgot Your Password?” (just below the Login button)
- On the next page, enter your email address and click Reset Password
- Check your email and follow the instructions to create a new password

## THIS MONTH!

02 FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 BOARD MTG 5:30 pm	4 Float Captain's Dinner	5	6 3:30 PM - Pet Costume Contest kicks off 4:00 PM - Winners announced 4:30 PM - Kid's Parade Rolls	7 2:00 PM - Main Parade
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras at the Cabaret 5:30 @ Den	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

# PARADES

**KODY (PCB) Mardi Gras January 31st**

**KOSA Mardi Gras Weekend February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2026**

February 4th  
KoSA Float Captain's Dinner

February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
KoSA Mardi Gras

February 17th  
Fat Tuesday

March 5th & March 19th  
Happy Hours

April 2nd  
Happy Hour

April 18th  
Bonfire

May 2nd  
Road Rally

May 7th & May 21st  
Happy Hours

June 4  
Happy Hour

June 20th  
Luau

July 2nd & July 16th  
Happy Hours

# CHEERS!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vicki Lawrence	02/01
Patti Fowler	02/02
Rachael Langford	02/02
Jerry Kelly	02/10
Ronda Bober	02/12
Gary Harrison	02/13
Chantille Weber	02/14
Jay Rea	02/19
Bill Hudson	02/22
Rick Hayward	02/22
Peter Slatcoff	02/24
Vicki Gillmore	02/24
Robin Montgomery	02/27
Lee Head	02/27



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jean & Guy Ellis	02/13
Cynthia & Jay Gardner	02/20



## SAY CHEESE!



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