KEY NOTES
NEWS FROM THE PERDIDO KEY ASSOCIATION



November 2026

Hurricane Isaias

Hurricane Isaias came ashore on Friday evening, October 9, 2026 in the Florida Panhandle near Destin as a Category 2 storm. It tragically caused six Florida fatalities. Because of what might have been a “sting jet” atmospheric phenomenon, the strongest winds at landfall may have been west of the center not east as is usual for hurricanes. As a result, areas of Escambia County and adjacent Santa Rosa County received substantial damage from storm winds at times measuring greater than 100 mile an hour. Santa Rosa County reported an estimated $165 million in private property damage with significant loss of crops as well; Pensacola residential damage was at $70 million and Escambia County estimated $64 million in damage to public property from the storm. About 420,000 customers lost power in Florida and boiling water restrictions were in place for most Escambia County ECUA customers until October 13, 2026. The second largest magnolia tree in the country was downed by the storm in the East Hill area of Pensacola.

Unlike Pensacola Beach where $11.5 million in residential damage has been reported, Perdido Key was spared much of Hurricane Isaias fury with minimal damage and apparently no loss of electrical power from the storm. NAS Pensacola only a few miles away suffered considerable damage, however. Federal, State, County and City resources have been activated for the recovery effort. For information on resources available during the recovery, go to the October 19, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article Escambia Santa Rosa Multi-Agency Resource Centers for Isaias help; for relief efforts go to Escambia County Storm Center and the October 14, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article FEMA funding for Santa Rosa, Escambia Hurricane Isaias damage reports by Tom McLaughlin; for information on storm damage, go to the October 13, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article Escambia County Hurricane Isaias public damage estimated at $64M by Lisa Nellesen Savage, the October 14, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article Pensacola Hurricane Isaias residents damage at $70 million by Jim Little and the October 20, 2026 *WEAR* article Pensacola Beach faces $11.5M in residential damage as community rebuilds after Isaias by Hailey Samples; power outage information is available at the October 9, 2026 *Reuters* article Isaias kills four, about 670,000 without power after landfall | Reuters by Rhea Rose Abraham, Rajveer Pardesi and Marianna Parraga; for FEMA aid go to the October 27, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article Trump grants Hurricane Isaias FEMA assistance for Escambia, Santa Rosa by Kevin Robinson and Jim Little and the October 29, 2026 *Escambia County News Article* Escambia County Receives FEMA Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Isaias Individual Assistance; information on the magnolia tree is available from

the October 15, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article Hurricane Isaias topples Pensacola champion southern magnolia tree by Kevin Robinson.

Loss of Life to Vibrio

Vibrio vulnificus widely known as "flesh-eating bacteria" took the life of a 70-74 year old man in Escambia County, Florida. Recent deaths of two other elderly persons were also reported, bringing Florida's total for 2026 to 34 infections and 6 deaths. The bacteria can by contracted by eating raw seafood and exposing open wounds to brackish water. For more on this issue including precautions and symptoms, see the October 29, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article "Escambia County resident dies after vibrio funificus infection" by C. A. Bridges at Florida Vibrio vulnificus or flesh-eating bacteria death Escambia.

Gala Notes

The "Toast for the Coast" Gala scheduled for November 21, 2026 recently announced a ticket price change to $125 per person. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 5:30 to 10:30 PM at the CoastAL Orange Beach restaurant complex and will be a "celebration of the organizations working tirelessly to preserve and protect our beaches, bays, and coastal ecosystems." The Perdido Key Association is honored to be included as one of these organizations. We hope many PKA members and others who are "passionate about protecting our coast" will join us for this special evening and, as stated by the Flora-Bama, make this inaugural gala a success and help "maximize the impact we can make together for our beautiful Gulf Coast." To purchase tickets, go to https://www.coastalorangebeach.com/.

The "Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program" Gala to be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club has been rescheduled from October 16, 2026 to November 6, 2026 because of Hurricane Isaias. It will be a "fundraising evening with live music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres" plus a silent auction. To purchase tickets, go to PPBEP Gala | Powered By GiveSmart.

PKA Coastal Christmas Party!

All PKA members please Save the Date – ***Monday, December 14, 2026*** – so you and your guests can join the Board of Directors at PKA's annual Coastal Christmas Party! It will be from 6 to 8 PM at the Perdido Sun Condominium's 1st Floor conference room just behind the glass doors at the entrance. This is part of Perdido's ***Seasational*** Holiday Season!

Become a PKA Director!

Interested in greater engagement with your community? If so, please consider becoming a candidate for the PKA Board of Directors! All Perdido Key Association (PKA) members are eligible to be Directors, even part-time Perdido Key residents since the monthly meetings are held both in-person and by teleconference. If interested in being nominated for a Director position, please contact the PKA Administrator at perdidokeyassocation@gmail.com, PKA Secretary Charles Krupnick at charles.krupnick@gmail.com or any other PKA Director before January 16, 2027.

SS United States Sinking Set for November

With Federal approval received, "Officials in Florida's Okaloosa County expect to sink the SS United States off the Gulf Coast during the second week of November" where it will become the world's largest artificial reef and hoped for premium diver destination. The ship remains in Mobile following preparations for sinking including removal of fluids, asbestos and other

hazardous material. It will be sunk about 22 miles southwest of Destin but will be close enough to allow diver outings from the Pensacola area. For more information on this issue, see the October 22, 2026 *AMAC* article “From Philadelphia Landmark to Artificial Reef: The Continued Saga of the SS United States” by AMAC, D.J. Watson at SS United States: From Icon to Artificial Reef and the October 25, 2026 article “The SS United States is schedule for sinking to become the world’s largest artificial reef” at The SS United States outran the Atlantic in 1952. Now it heads for the seafloor | AP News.

State Park West Area Repairs Completed

Repairs to Perdido Key State Park West Use Area from Hurricane Sally damage in September 2020 are completed. The repairs including the Park restrooms, access ramps and redoing the parking area.

More Homes on Perdido Key

Two significant housing developments are moving forward by clearing lands in preparation for construction. These are the Isabella development on Johnson Beach Road not far from the roundabout and the River Road Villas wedged between the Serenity subdivision and a row of private homes on River Road. Isabella will add 40 single family homes while the Villas will have 29 multistory residential buildings.

Fish Farm Controversy

The fish farm proposed by Manna Fish Farms to be constructed about 26 miles south of Pensacola Pass has been working its way through government agencies for many months. If approved, it would be the first major fish farm in federal water (go to Florida Offshore for the Manna website,). A smaller “demonstration project” fish farm is expected to be constructed off Sarasota after receiving “final permits and hopes to be in the water early next year [2027].” A fish farm “scientifically in nature” run by the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is currently in operation off the Alabama coast. Fish farms are common in several parts of the world including Norway where both small and massive facilities are in operation, often raising salmon.

Concerns about off shore finfish farms include likely increases in nutrient levels in surrounding waters, possibility of disease spreading from fish farms to native species and dangers to sea life including whales from fish farm apparatus. If the Manna proposal is approved, fish farms could proliferate in the Gulf. The Perdido Key Association has joined the “Don’t Cage Our Oceans” coalition that opposes the Manna fish farm. For information on the opposing initiative, go to Don't Cage Our Oceans | STOP INDUSTRIAL OCEAN FISH FARMING. Off shore fish farms are an issue where public opinion should be made clear to government officials. For recent information on fish farms and the Gulf, go to the September 13, 2026 article Are fish farms the future of Gulf seafood? | Business News | nola.com by Mike Smith.

Frank Brown Songwriters Festival Nov 5-15

The annual Frank Brown Songwriters Festival comes to the Gulf Coast from November 5-15, 2026 at various venues, including the Flora-Bama. For a walking history of the event, see the October 14-28, 2026 article Mullet Wrapper: Nov. 5-15 • Frank Brown Songwriters.com • Nov.

5-15 in Gulf Shores & Orange Beach by Fran Thompson; for the event schedule, go to FRANK BROWN INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL.

Gopher Tortoises Endangered

Because of declining numbers, the gopher tortoise "fragility rating" has been moved from "vulnerable" to "critically endangered." Its existence is threatened by development and at times mistaken attempts at rescue. According to Matt Aresco, Ph.D., biologist and board member at Nokuse Education, Inc.: "It is not surprising to me that gopher tortoise populations continue to decline given the rapid pace of habitat loss and the difficulty in maintaining viable populations." "Relocation has proven to be an inadequate mitigation method and state and federal regulators must prioritize keeping large, self-sustaining populations protected and well-managed on both public and private lands if the gopher tortoise will have any chance of persisting in the future." For more on this issue, go to the July 10, 2026 Center for Biological Diversity news release International Assessment Finds Gopher Tortoise Is Critically Endangered - Center for Biological Diversity.

New World Screwworm in Texas and New Mexico

The New World Screwworm (NWS) (Cochliomyia hominivorax) has been identified in livestock in Texas and New Mexico as well as on an elk killed by a hunter. It is "a parasitic fly that lays its eggs on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals, usually in open wounds, genitalia, or moist body openings like nostrils, eyes, or mouths." "Because NWS can affect livestock, pets, and wildlife, its spread poses a serious concern for animal health and the agricultural industry." For more on this issue, go to the October 22, 2026 article New World Screwworm Map Shows US Cases as Parasite Found in Texas Elk - Newsweek by Amanda Greenwood.

November Calendar

Nov 1 – Pensacola Interstate Fair at Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds
Nov 1 – Taste of the Beach Festival at Pensacola Beach
Nov 1 – Hizashicon Anime Festival at First United Methodist Church
Nov 1,13,14,25,28 – Pensacola Ice Flyers at Pensacola Bay Center
Nov 1-9 – Pensacola's "Foo Foo Festival" at various downtown venues
Nov 4 – Pensacola's Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Haul event
Nov 6 – Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program Gala at the Pensacola Yacht Club
Nov 6-7 – NAS Pensacola US Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show
Nov 6-8 – Pensacola Greek Festival at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Nov 8 – Fido Fest at Orange Beach Waterfront Park near Orange Beach Public Library
Nov 8-15 – SEC Women's Soccer Tournament at Ashton Brosnaham Soccer Complex
Nov 10 – Rotary's "Pints for Polio" fundraiser at Mathieson Brewing Co, 500 E. Heinberg St.
Nov 11 – Veteran's Day with ceremonies at various locations
Nov 13,14 – Festa Italiana at Seville Square in downtown Pensacola
Nov 13,14 – Perdido Key Christmas Market at Villagio Town Centre on Perdido Key
Nov 21 – "Toast for the Coast Gala" at Coastal restaurant complex in Orange Beach
Nov 21 – Christmas Tree Lighting at OWA
Nov 21,22 – Coastal Christmas Market at Orange Beach Event Center
Nov 21,22 – Pensacola Invitational basketball tournament at Pensacola Bay Center

Nov 22,27,28 – Pensacola's Winterfest in downtown Pensacola
Nov 26 – Thanksgiving
Nov 30 – "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol" at the Saenger Theatre downtown Pensacola

The following websites provide additional information about events on our great Gulf Coast:

https://www.visitpensacola.com/
http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/
http://www.visitperdido.com/
http://mulletwrapper.net/
https://myescambia.com/
https://www.destinfwb.com/
http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events

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