

**WZEW, WNSP, WZEW HD 2 (96.5 The Crab) &
WZEW HD 3 (92.5 The Soul) ISSUES and
PROGRAMMING TO ADDRESS THOSE
ISSUES, 1st Quarter, 2024**

The following are the issues of public importance identified by radio stations, WNSP, WZEW-FM, WZEW HD 2, and WZEW HD 3 in the 1st Quarter of 2024 for Mobile, Fairhope and the surrounding service area:

- 1) The improvement and protection of the environment in Mobile and Baldwin counties along with Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.
- 2) The need for funding and support of the Child Advocacy Center for victims of sexual and physical abuse within the Mobile/Fairhope area.
- 3) The need for volunteer action to support programs and services for non-profit agencies within the service area.
- 4) Support for, and education about, the arts and the role they play in our community.

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM offer extended airtime to legitimate public service groups through our liberal offering of airtime to legitimate public service groups. Included in the 1st quarter were American Red Cross, Child Advocacy Center, Dumas Wesley Community Center, the Lagniappe, LifeSouth Community Bloodcenters, Mobile Arts Council, Mobile Baykeeper, The Jewish Film Festival, Mobile Theatre Guild, The Joe Jefferson Playhouse and Helping Mobile's Children. All the PSA's that aired on WZEW-FM and WNSP are listed under separate cover in the public file.

Public News/Lagniappe

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM have dedicated time to supporting news efforts in partnership with the Lagniappe weekly newspaper to cover stories of public interest that go uncovered due to the area's lack of a daily newspaper.

Helping Mobile's Children/Jesse's Army

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM promoted Helping Mobile's Children. That organization runs Jesse's Army, a group dedicated to creating a free children's book fair.

Animal Rescue Foundation

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM sponsored and promoted the "Krewe du Shoppes Paw-rade." The faux Mardi Gras parade for pets, partially sponsored and hosted by the Shoppes of Bel Air, benefited the Animal Rescue Foundation. WZEW-FM promoted the event on air.

American Heart Association

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM promoted the "Heart Month" event, a fundraiser benefiting the American Heart Association. According to the AHA's website, "Heart Month" is "an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved." The AHA is one of the leading supporters of cardiovascular research nationwide. Most of their fundraising was done online again this year, but listeners were directed on where to log on to make donations and help.

Child Advocacy Center

WZEW-FM sponsored, promoted and was on the organizing council of the Child Advocacy Center's fifth annual "Cajun Cookoff" event. The food festival featured music and arts, and ticket sales went directly to the Child Advocacy Center. WZEW-FM promoted the event on air, gave away tickets on air, set up the day of the cookoff at the event, and helped present the awards.

LifeSouth Blood Drives

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM were a proud sponsor of LifeSouth Community Bloodcenters to assist in promoting blood donations.

The Arts in our Community

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM are a proud sponsor of the Arts in Mobile & Baldwin Counties. This includes The Joe Jefferson Playhouse, Mobile Theatre Guild, Mobile Arts Council, Loda Art Walk/Arts Alive!, Fairhope's First Friday Artwalks, The Mobile Opera & Symphony and many others.

What Matters to Mobile

The issues that concern the citizens of Mobile, Fairhope and surrounding communities are the concerns of WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM. WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM are actively working with many groups who are trying to further the quality of life in our area of the beautiful Gulf Coast. WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM will continue to seek out and address the concerns of its city of license and surrounding area.

Children School Tours of the Radio Stations

Dotcom communications held a school tour for a group of school children to educate them on radio and how stations work. It was held on Media Day, February 14th with St. Mary's Catholic school 7th grade class with all covid protocol in place. The students toured all four studios and had a question and answer session with several of the on air staff and HR director Jane Hamilton.

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COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE GUESTS & TOPICS DISCUSSED IN FOURTH QUARTER:

Jan. 7- The Community Round Table--Being a BIG, is a big deal! Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast continue to change lives.

Aimee Risser- CEO & President Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast Mission: To create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. January is National Mentoring Month!

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast (BBBSCGC) is the largest one-to-one mentoring organization along the Alabama and Mississippi Coast. We enlist adult volunteers, "Bigs", and match them with "Littles," who are children between the ages of 6-18 and would benefit the most from having a Big. The purpose of our services is to give children a caring and supportive adult mentor, who's been thoroughly screened and trained, that will guide them to success, hold them accountable, and help them reach their full potential. Our Match Specialists are with the pair throughout their entire journey, advocating for them and helping them along the way. These relationships are professionally supported, differentiating us from all other mentoring organizations as we take a team approach.
- There are currently dozens of children on our waitlist waiting for a mentor, so volunteering is more important now than ever.
- We have a nationally recognized, turnkey Corporate Big Program that pairs Bigs at local businesses with various schools to mentor Littles for one hour each week.
- We know families go through tough times and there are essential needs they will go without if they do not receive assistance. As we touch base with our families through match support, they share with us their struggles. In turn, we connect them to services either through the Big Neighbors program or other social services offered in the community.
- School-based program: Although it takes place at schools, our School-Based Mentoring program isn't limited to the classroom. Of course, some Littles do talk with their Bigs about class, or do homework, or read together, but it's perfectly fine to shoot hoops in the gym or play on the playground. At the end of the day, it's really all about starting a friendship, providing guidance and inspiring them to reach their potential.
- Community-based program: Many relationships between Bigs and Littles are part of our Community-based programs. Community-based mentoring relationships involve one-on-one outings and activities, doing things the Big and Little enjoy together, like: Taking a walk in the park, Going to museum, Going to an event hosted by the local BBBS affiliate, Listening to music, Hanging out and talking. Some Bigs meet their Littles on the weekends. Others get together with their Littles on weekday evenings. Each match is unique and develops a schedule that works for them.

- We're highly successful as an evidence-based prevention program.
- OUR 2022 PROGRAM OUTCOME EVALUATIONS REVEALED:
98% of our Littles kept or created plans for high school graduation and beyond. 86% of our Littles stayed on track with improved grades.
83% of our Littles continued or engaged in volunteerism or participated in after school activities. 86% of our Littles developed a spark, activities and interests that are important to them.

How can people help? Donate their time, money, items? How will those donations/funds be used?

BBBS is America's most impactful volunteer experience because our services provide a tangible way to change a life. We are not saviors or heroes. Instead, we create and professionally support meaningful match relationships to help children ignite and harness their own potential—the potential they have had all along.

1. Attend one of our mission-supported events. (Plug King Cake Off on Jan 19)
2. Set up monthly giving or give a one time gift
3. Help share the mission of BBBS with everyone around you.

No gift is too big or too small.

Stay Connected: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube. @centralgulfbbs on all.

www.centralgulfbbs.org

***Any questions about our programs or about becoming a Big, email: kelly@centralgulfbbs.org Call us: 251.344.0536
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Jan. 14- The Community Round Table--Protect your \$\$, Watchout for SCAMS, AI & Important APPS thanks to the BBB!

My guest:

Monde Donaldson

Vice President of BBB Educational Foundation

Better Business Bureau®

We discuss:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - the FTC and Alabama Securities Commission said the biggest AI Fraud is people faking voices and targeting to two different audiences - one is targeting potential

business owners offering help on money making opportunities in the marketplace and the other is veterans faking real government agencies.

Things to watch for in 2024:

Automatic renewal scams

A renewal request scam mimics auto-renewal services to trick you into paying for subscriptions you don't need or want. The scammer sends out renewal notifications saying you will be automatically charged to renew your membership. If you want to dispute the charge or cancel, the notice says you must call a phone number within 24 hours. Companies being impersonated include Best Buy

Geek Squad, Netflix and all the other major streaming services

Debt consolidation scams

Seniors - health care, grandparent scams and with Valentine's right around the corner romance scams

Scamtracker report will be out in March and I predict employment scams (which we will talk about), online shopping to be the top 2

The most recent FTC reports, job scams using APPs that are very prevalent in 2024.

Upcoming events in Baldwin County.

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Jan. 21- The Community Round Table--How the "Go Teal & White" campaign is raising awareness about Cervical Cancer

My guests:

Dr. Jennifer Young Pierce/Gynecologic Oncologist/USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI)

Janel A. Lowman/Senior Manager of Community Outreach/ USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI)

We discuss:

- 2024 USA Health MCI's GO Teal and White Campaign. January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

This is the 5th year of MCI is launching our Go Teal and White Statewide Campaign. Each year, MCI partner with local business that are frequented by women asking the local business to display our cervical cancer educational poster to heighten cervical cancer awareness.

Our goal is to encourage women to get screened, follow up on abnormal results, and get HPV vaccinated.

January 19th is our Cervical Cancer Awareness Day and the RSA Towers in Alabama will be lit in Teal and White. MCI employees are also joining the campaign but dressing in Teal and White.

Ways to give back:

- o Volunteerism

§ Alabama HOPE Project: This initiative created by Dr. Pierce and modeled after the "Witness Project" in Arkansas focuses on increasing cancer prevention screenings. We partner community members and cancer survivors together to go into their churches, community centers, community outreach activities and talk about cancer prevention. The community member will deliver the educational part of the conversation and the cancer survivor will share their cancer journey. We hope that these interactive conversations will increase cancer screening.

§ Chemosabes are individuals what want to share their time in the chemo infusion suites with patients undergoing therapy. They often assist the patients

with refreshments, provide support, read to them, and sometimes just "sit" with them.

§ Donations: We are grateful for donations from the community in support of cancer patient services and support, education, and research at USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute. To make a gift, please visit

usahealthsystem.com/give. If you need more: or, you can mail your gift to the Office of Development, 650 Clinic Drive, TRP III, Suite 1500, Mobile, AL 36688. For questions about donations, please email development@southalabama.edu or call 251-460-7032.

§ Address: 1660 Springhill Ave. Mobile, AL 36606 251-665-8000

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/mitchellcancer>
<https://www.youtube.com/@USAHealth>
<https://www.usahealthsystem.com/locations/mitchell-cancer-institute>

Jan. 28--The Community Round Table--JJP Presents: Gee's Bend

"Winner of 2008 American Association Award, Gee's Bend depicts the turbulent history of African-Americans in the 20th century by focusing on a single family in the real community of Gee's Bend, AL, which is now famous for the beautiful quilts created by the women that grew up there. Set in 1930s and 1960s Alabama. Written by a Mobilian, Elyzabeth Wilder who is currently teaches college playwriting in Georgia. Directed by Sharrell Edmond" ~Joe Jefferson Playhouse

My guests:

Sharrell Edmond/Director and Actor/ Community and Educational Outreach Chair
The mission: Joe Jefferson Players (aims) is to entertain, inform, and educate, thereby enriching the cultural life of our community. JJP's involvement shall be twofold: to entertain the residents of Mobile, and surrounding areas, through the live presentation of both classic and modern dramatic stories; and to offer a creative outlet for community residents through participation in high quality live theater. The richness of the culture of Gee's Bend and the quilts. I have found that there are quite a few Pettways that are related to the characters the play was inspired by. Dissecting what family history means.

The overall, synopsis of the play Gee's Bend. (the quilts, message of family, voting) What black theater and art means to the community.

One of the key themes of the play revolves around the sisters fighting to vote. Would love to urge the community that this play delves into discussion of what it means to be black, southern, and American all in one.

The discussion of love. Black love. Black familial love and its depiction within
How can people help?

By purchasing tickets to one of performances January 19 th – February 4 th .

Performances

on Fridays/Saturdays at 7:30 and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Patrons can get tickets at

<https://joejeffersonplayers.com/buy-tickets>

Funds will get funneled back into the theater to pay for different needs such as lights,

costumes, repair, and overall building maintenance.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with hospitality during the actual run of our

shows. Please come out we would love to have you all to greet our patrons.

Feb. 4- The Community Round Table--The Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation is making a generational difference and you are invited to get involved!

My guest: Leavie D. King, III

Board Chairman

Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation

To preserve and document the stories of historical Africatown and create cultural and economic transformation through education and partnerships that benefit the environment and mankind.

Past community impact actions

Main initiatives we focus

Current initiatives of importance
Past community impact actions: the foundation has made an impact in several areas towards the Africatown community.

In November of 2022 we delivered \$10,000 to local residents for the thanksgiving holiday to help provide meals to those families. 40 families received \$250 gift certificates.

In 2023 the foundation provided complete roof replacements to over 20 Africatown residents at no cost. Residents were selected on the basis of roof damage statuses.

Also in 2023 we initiated a capacity building campaign help virtually with lasted 6 weeks. Through this programming we worked to assist the residents with visualizing how Africatown could look in the future. Housing, healthcare, business, visage, grocers, shopping etc. we also provided examples of similar communities who've undergone like transformations.

Main initiatives they are focusing on: 1. AHPF Swim Program

2. Africatown Blueway

3. AHPF Africatown Capacity Building Program

4. The Plateau Africatown Historic Cemetery Project

5. AHPF Africatown Roof Restoration Project

6. Africatown Historically Black Churches Growth Project
Current initiatives of importance:

1. Chickasaw Railroad Lead Line Project community informational engagement

2. Africatown Collectives

Spreading awareness regarding the AHPF

Volunteerism

Financially

Donation link located on our website:

www.africatownhpf.org

Mail: P. O. Box 66478 Mobile Al 36660

Donations will be used to support the AHPF's mission by providing economical education, economical assistance to the Africatown residents, community and other initiate organizations.

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Feb 11.- The Community Round Table--It's the book every middle school and high school student should have to navigate the waters of life, academics, sports and friends!

"Navigating High School: A Student's Guide to Achieving Straight-A's, Creating an Exciting Social Life, and Making the Varsity Team!"

My guest: Avik Banik, author and current University of South Alabama student.

The mission: to help as many students in my area as possible. From middle school students to high school students, I want to make sure that as many kids as possible can benefit from my book. I want them to build a good academic, social, and athletic life in school.

We discuss:

How Avik was able to contact so many people to agree to help me with this project?

The very first steps it took to get this project afloat.

What Avik did to get as many straight-A students, popular kids, and varsity athletes from almost all of the high schools in Mobile County and Baldwin County?

The lessons in the book

Business lessons Avik learned from working on this book

Purchase your copy:

Amazon or Barnes & Nobles. Here are the links to it:

Navigating High School: A Student's Guide to Achieving Straight-A's, Creating an Exciting Social Life, and Making the Varsity Team!: Banik, Avik: 9798376876725: Amazon.com: Books

Navigating High School: A Student's Guide to Achieving Straight-A's, Creating an Exciting Social Life, and Making the Varsity Team! by Avik Banik, Paperback | Barnes & Noble® (barnesandnoble.com)

Notable moments regarding his book:

"I made an appearance on all 3 local news stations in Mobile, Alabama...Fox10, NBC-15, and WKRK.

I went to go speak to students at many schools (both public and private) about some of the most important lessons I have put in my book. It was an amazing and surreal experience to go in and speak to these kids and to help them build a better school life."

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**If you have any questions or would like a signed copy, just give me an email or call!

Feb. 18- The Community Round Table--Meet 8 year old Justice Nodd/Author "True Beauty"/Artist/Survivor and her proud mom and dad who are 100% inspiring the masses!

My guests:

Daughter: Justice Nodd/Mom: Ashley Chaney Nodd

The mission of my organization is to encourage, inspire, coach, and empower people to achieve their highest level of success and greatness.

Justice currently goes to Orchard elementary. She is 8 years old but will be turning 9 March 1. She enjoys drawing, reading, and writing. Justice was in a horrific house fire 8 years ago when she was 8 months old. In that house fire she loss her oldest sister. Justice has undergone over 30 surgeries to reconstruct some of the areas that the fire left disfigured and constricted.

We discuss:

- Justice and the family journey after the house fire
- My daughter book "True Beauty"
- My life coaching business (Elevation to success)! A life coaching service that was created in October of last year.
- Nonprofit organization (Lon'Dons Playhouse) helps young women that suffers from low self-esteem, bullying, abandonment, or mental health issues caused by childhood trauma. Lon'Dons playhouse provides monetary donation, referral services, talk therapy, and spiritual guidance.
- Future Endeavor such as two more books that will come out later this year. "Vampire Dad" (expecting around father's day) and "Little Ladybug" (expecting around Thanksgiving) and the hopes of a book tour.

How can people help? Donate their time, money, items? How will those donations/funds be used?

Right now, we need sponsorship, investors, grant writers, content creators,

monetary donations, and marketing. Anyone of these would help tremendously.

About Ashley: The name of my business is Elevation to Success Life Coaching Services. I am a certified life coach that focuses on the environmental and human prospect. I'm also a mental health therapist. I have a master's in counseling and my undergrad in criminal justice. I currently work for a mental health facility as a mental health coordinator of an intensive and rehabilitation day treatment for individuals who suffers from serious mental health issues. All the books that me and my daughter are writing has a moral meaning behind them but all of them are based on true events.

The funds will be used on traveling to different cities to promote the books and life coaching business, software to help create a better intake process and assessment to help coaches assess with what level of care each client need, hiring professional staff such as managers, assistants and other life coaches, purchasing more books to go into stores and small business, funds to help publish more books and office space to promote professionalism and organizational structure.

As we write more books, we would like to get our story and vision to a higher platform and the only way that can happen is from support, pro bono work, and investors. We are worth the bid.

My goal is to push realness into a society that has an unrealistic expectation of life.

Notable memories:

One of the memories that I remember the most was the moment the Doctor walked into Justice's hospital room maybe 3 hours after they had landed and told me "I'm sorry I know you just loss your daughter, but your daughter (Justice) is not going to make it through the night. The next night the nurse walked in the same room at the same time and said she was wrong your daughter is a survivor and she will make it through and do remarkable things because at eight months old with this amount of injuries she should not be alive, she has a purpose you guy have a purpose and I will be glad to see the day that your purpose is fulfilled. I remember that day and I believe that nothing in unintentional, so I can say that was the moment that changed my life forever.

Stay Connected:

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Feb. 25--The Community Round Table--Meet the young lady named PURPOSE and YES, she has SUPER POWERS that are helping to educate ALL, near and far!

My guest: Purpose Copeland & Dr. LaTracey McDonald, Mom-Manager for Everyone's Purpose.

The goal is to assist Purpose with her goals. People need to know that having a disability won't stop the ability to succeed.

We discuss:

The Published Author

www.EveryonesPurpose.com

The Entrepreneur- The Model

About the National American Miss Pageant

(Successful, empowered young women don't put limits on themselves. They mentor, challenge, and encourage one another in every aspect of their lives.

No matter their age, girls are never too young to learn that they can do anything they set their minds to.

Skills like clear communication, carrying yourself with poise, and speaking with confidence about herself and her passions are things that every young woman should have the chance to practice. National American Miss sets the stage to learn those skills. Each

participant has the opportunity to be a trailblazer... charting the course for her future successes. More than just a pageant, National American Miss is a program all about growing confidence™. We emphasize the importance of developing real world skills and are shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. Forget everything you thought you knew about pageantry.)

This is a program that empowers beyond a crowning moment...we are more than just a pageant.

Dr. LaTracey, Purpose's mom says this: During the pandemic, education was not as easy as most can imagine with a child on the spectrum and having a learning disability. At the time, I was undergoing treatment for a brain tumor while home schooling Purpose. During this time, I challenged Purpose to do

whatever she felt that she needed to do creatively during this time. Especially since she didn't want to read; I strongly encouraged her to write. Pulling out the whiteboard, Purpose built a business where she sold her self care products (soaps, candles and sugar scrubs) as well as her books. She desired for some of her proceeds to help those less fortunate than we are. She began modeling and her siblings taking pictures which were her inspiration to visuals of her book. After participating in a few modeling events the opportunity for the NAM pageant came at a time when faith to win overcame the fears that come along with being on the spectrum. This pageant will afford her the tools and resources to overcome the challenges of having superpowers while building her confidence and character.

About Dr. LaTracey McDonald:

Founder of Black Authors Rock and BAR Arts Collective
Explains how Purpose has superpowers and how that's impacted her life. (ADHD, Autism and Dyslexia).

How you can support Purpose: By purchasing her books and/or donating for me to raise the funds to participate in the National American Miss Pageant Competition.

\$BARartsCollective

www.EveryonesPurpose.com

Books: Manners My Grandmother taught Me and Everyone's Purpose Activity Book. Both can be purchased on her website www.EveryonesPurpose.com

Mar. 3- The Community Round Table--From Baseball to Archaeology to becoming a local recording artist! HB1 & Rando "The Illustrator" takes us behind the scenes of "Empyrean Tides"!

My guests:

Hanan Browning aka "HB1."

Rando Dixon/Artist/Flatline Comics

We discuss:

HB1's journey from Mobile, out into the world, and back home.

I was born and raised in Theodore, specifically Hollinger's Island. I started playing and writing music at 8 years old, but it never was something I wanted to make a career of; music just came out of me. I NEEDED to write and play music as a form of therapy, but I was just as happy doing it by myself as I was playing for other people; happier, honestly. Playing music is an intimate and vulnerable experience for me, so performing for others has always given me a great deal of anxiety.

I graduated from Theodore HS and went off to Hattiesburg to chase my first dream (Baseball). I left from there to go to Birmingham to chase my second dream (Archaeology). That took me to New Orleans, where I eventually just started chasing the American dream (money). When I finally came home I was a road warrior, blue collar, oil and gas guy. In 2022, I had finally had enough of "struggle-climbing" up the middle-class rungs; making other people rich. So one day I just quit. I literally left for lunch and never went back. Shortly after, I dedicated myself to being a recording artist. And a few weeks ago a very kind FedEx driver became the final person to help make that dream a reality when he dropped off a pallet of 500 freshly pressed vinyl records: with my music on them. So after quitting my job, I started hosting small house parties. Breaking into the music scene (even the local scene) in your mid-40's is difficult. I knew my music needed to be listened to in environments other than loud, crowded bars. But I was unknown and older; an outsider. So, I started hosting private concerts at my house. The Vinyl Room Sessions, I called it. Rando, a lifelong friend, has been to every one of them, and has been so encouraging. So when I told him I wanted to spend a bunch of my savings on recording an actual album, he was immediately supportive and offered his artistic mind to the endeavor.

Rejecting the "rental system" and making an album meant putting together a "total package." The artwork matters. Like, it really, really matters. The final product was the result of hundreds of hours of conversations between us. We would hang out multiple times every week, open a bottle of wine, listen to vinyl records front to back. Obscure stuff. B-sides. and pour over the artwork, the lyrics, the font and graphics. And eventually, Rando had a vision.

You have to buy the vinyl to get the digital versions of my music (a download and a streaming code come with every album). Every album is signed by both of us. If people want to see me live/purchase the album, they can follow me at HB1 on Facebook, HB1music on IG, or (hb1music.com). If you're local, I'll even drive the record to your house!

I play the last Friday of every month at Oyster City Brewing on Government, downtown, but you can catch me most Tuesdays at Cedar Street Social Club; where some of the finest musicians in the city gather every week for an

unplugged, unscripted, jam session. It is the most pure and beautiful expression of music I've ever seen anywhere in the world. It is free! Tuesday nights at Cedar Street are magic!

Rando Dixon/Artist/Flatline Comics

Local comic book creation lead to working with the Mobile Arts Council on a comic book exhibit, which lead to competing in the MAC Throwdown competition 3 times and winning once, which lead to the "It Takes a Village" mural on the The Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail of Mobile (DFFAAHT) featuring local heroes Dr. Regina Benjamin, Major General J. Gary Cooper – USMC, and Dr. Lonnie Johnson

-10 years in indie comics drawing several titles but primarily "The Absentee" has lead to a 140 page hardcover graphic novel-Launching on Kickstarter in April from Flatline Comics

-Available for commissions and wall art

@randodixonart on facebook, instagram, twitter, tiktok

Mar. 10- The Community Round Table--The Drug Education Council Luncheon: Lorna Luft plus local families share stories of addictions & recovery!

Lori Myles/Public Affairs Director at Mobile County Sheriff's Office/Board Member for Drug Education Council

Virginia Guy/Executive Director/Drug Education Council

The annual luncheon is Monday, March 11, Lorna Luft is the keynote speaker. The drug education council is here to help individuals and families. Addiction is treatable/recovery happens.

The mission is to make sure the issues surrounding, addiction and prevention remain of priority in our community. People can help by donating their time and resources and talk to others to help reduce the stigma.

This annual luncheon is our largest fundraiser and helps support all the programs that we do throughout our community.

Our mission: Adapting to the critically changing needs of the communities we serve by providing a continuum of services. We work with the community for Prevention, intervention and Recovery.

Please share any notable memories

Lori: I lost my son in 2022 to an overdose to fentanyl and since that time, I have been working with Virginia to help and break the "stigma" of addiction

ABOUT US

The vision of the Drug Education Council is to promote healthy choices by helping to impact the hearts and minds of individuals and families and by working to change the community narrative when it comes to substance use disorder and addiction. The agency is licensed to serve the state of Alabama and is currently providing services in Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington Counties. The agency has offices in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. Each of our many programs and practices is based on the four core beliefs that provide the guidance and vision of the agency. These core beliefs are listed below.

Every one of us is important and deserves to be nurtured.

Every one of us has a responsibility to promote healthy choices.

The abuse of alcohol and other drugs is preventable.
Addiction is treatable and recovery happens.
Our prevention programs and services are based on the following premises:
Prevention strategies must be comprehensive in nature and should be structured to reduce individual and environmental risk factors and to increase protective/resiliency factors in the populations served.
Community involvement and collaboration is a necessary component of an effective prevention strategy.
Prevention messages and approaches that are tailored to different population groups are most effective.
Prevention must be integrated into the general health care and social services delivery systems of the community.
Prevention must include a full continuum of services: education and information dissemination, intervention, referral, and recovery support.
About Lorna Luft: daughter of Judy Garland and half sister to Liza Minnelli. At 15, Lorna appeared with her mother Judy at the Palace. Since then she has performed on stage, theatre, television, and the widescreen. In 2018, Lorna wrote a New York bestseller A Star is Born: Judy Garland and The Film that got away.
“My mother was a magnificent human being and a talent we will never see again. And yes, my mother was addicted to prescription drugs.” Says Lorna Huft, “In the end, no one could have saved her. We did not have the knowledge, education and facilities we have now.” In the late seventies, Lorna also followed her mom into addiction. Lorna has now been sober for 42 years and now shares her incredible journey of sobriety with others.
March 11, 2024, at the Mobile Renaissance Riverview Plaza
Stay Connected:
You may go to our website www.drugeducation.org
3000 Television Drive
251-478-7855

Mar. 17- The Community Round Table--Little Black Dress Runway Show Gala, benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile, is back!

My guests:

Paul Giardina, Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile

Misty Whitehead, chair, Little Black Dress; member and former Board President of RMHC Mobile Board of Directors

The Mission: To provide a loving home away from home for families with seriously ill or injured children being treated in area medical facilities.

We discuss:

- 1) Little Black Dress is the signature fundraiser for RMHC of Mobile; first time back since per-Covid.
- 2) Changes this year – The food changes and the afterparty with live music.
- 3) All proceeds benefit families who are dealing with childhood illness.
- 4) How people and businesses can get involved. Sponsorships with models;

individual tickets go on sale March 25.

- 1) We depend on volunteers to keep the House running smoothly 7 days/week. Volunteers are also needed for our two Family Rooms located in USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital.
- 2) Family meals. We provide a hot meal for our families every evening. Groups, businesses, organizations can sign up to provide a meal.
- 3) Wish List items can be found on our website.
- 4) Monetary donations are needed year-round. It does not cost our family anything to stay at the Ronald McDonald House, so donations allow us to provide everything a family needs during their stay.

Little Black Dress Runway Show Gala, benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile, is presented by Barnes Family McDonalds, on Thursday, April 25, in Fort Whiting Reception Hall.

The runway show will feature 40 local women and men modeling the latest in 2024 fashion--styled by Dillard's. Guests will enjoy an elegant cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres and an after-party with music by Jenna McClelland following the show.

Every year hundreds of families from across south Alabama and coastal Mississippi count on Ronald

McDonald House Charities of Mobile to be their home away from home while their child is in the hospital. Families stay from one night to many months at a time, and all their basic needs are met, including comfortable private rooms, a fully stocked kitchen, laundry facilities, and the loving support of staff, volunteers, and other families who share their same hopes and fears. During Little Black Dress, guests will hear from a family as they share their story of their child's medical journey and the impact that Ronald McDonald House had on their family. "Because of the incredible support of the community, and events such as LBD, we do not ask our families to pay anything during their stay with us," Paul Giardina, executive director of RMHC of Mobile said. "Our goal is to ensure that all their needs are met so they can focus on their child's health 100 percent of the time. We know families must take care of themselves so they can be there for their children."

Tickets go on sale: March 25th

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Mar. 24- The Community Round Table--There she is OUR Miss Alabama, Bri Burrell!!

My guest: Bri Burrell

Miss Alabama 2023 of the Miss America Opportunity

We discuss:

Miss America Experience

Upcoming Appearances

How you can be involved in the organization?

"Life after the Crown"

What's the mission of your organization?

(Community service initiative) CSI: Save-A-STEM

Next projects: Expansion of my book for 6-12th

Solidifying accessible curriculum for DIY at-home STEM engagement

Creating a mentoring network of STEM professionals for college/career guidance

How can people help?

Through my CSI, I host projects/classes for student engagement, purchase my book to donate to materials, or contact on collaborations with your business

Notable memories?

The Miss America pageant/Miss Alabama/appearances/ CSI

Stay Connected:

LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook

Mar. 31- The Community Round Table--NFL Hall of Famer, "Dr. Doom", Robert Brazile Jr. talks: football, family and the moment he had to make the most important decision of his life!

Robert Lorenzo Brazile Jr. (born February 7, 1953) is an American former professional football player who was a linebacker in the National Football League (NFL). Nicknamed "Dr. Doom", Brazile played from 1975 to 1984 for the Houston Oilers and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018.

Professional career

Brazile was taken with the sixth pick of the first round of the 1975 NFL Draft. It was part of the bounty Sid Gillman acquired along with Curley Culp when he traded John Matuszak to the Kansas City Chiefs. However, it would be new head coach/general manager Bum Phillips who made the selection.[1]

Phillips' arrival in Houston also brought a change in the base defense the Oilers ran, switching from a 4-3 to a 3-4. The 3-4 would prove to be a perfect fit for Brazile's combination of size (6'4", 230 lbs) and great speed. While most cite Lawrence Taylor as the prototype of the pass-rushing outside linebacker in the NFL,[2] there are some, including Phillips, who say Brazile was the one who first made the 3-4 popular for sending an outside linebacker to rush the quarterback.[3] Brazile also performed well in pass coverage and against the run, consistently ranking at or near the top for the team lead in tackles even though opponents often avoided his side of the field.[4]

Brazile found immediate success with the Oilers, winning the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year award for the 1975 season. He was named to the Pro Bowl seven straight seasons, was All-Pro five straight seasons (1976–80),[5] and was selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team for the 1970s. In 1978 and 1979, Brazile was a key member of Oilers teams that went to back-to-back AFC Championship games.

After a third straight postseason loss in 1980, Phillips was fired by Oilers owner Bud Adams and the team entered a period of steep decline. The constant losing wore on Brazile and caused him to contemplate retiring.[6] However, he has said it was the death of his first wife, Cookie, in a car wreck in Houston in 1984, that made the decision for him.[7]

Officially, Brazile finished his career with 11 quarterback sacks. Unofficially, his

career sack total is 48 (sacks did not become an official NFL statistic until 1982).[8] He is also credited with 1,281 tackles, the second highest total in Houston Oilers / Tennessee Titans history.[9]

On August 24, 2017, Brazile and former Green Bay Packers guard Jerry Kramer were named as seniors committee finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018.[10] He was announced as member of the class of 2018 on February 3, 2018. Robert Brazile was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 4, 2018, and his bust was sculpted by Scott Myers. Bronze bust of Robert Brazile, enshrined at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton Ohio, USA, 2018

On October 14, 2018, Brazile was inducted to the Titans-Oilers Ring of Honor Mobile, Ala. — Five artist submissions for the statues that will be featured in the City of Mobile's "Hall of Fame Courtyard" will be on display at the Mobile Arts Council this week. The courtyard will eventually be a featured piece of Cooper Riverside Park honoring five Mobilians inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Five finalists have submitted miniature statues to showcase their design concepts. They will be reviewed this week by a selection committee that will make a final decision on which artist will create life-sized bronze statues of Hall of Famers Henry "Hank" Aaron, Satchel Paige, Billy Williams, Ozzie Smith and Willie Lee McCovey.

There will be press availability and an opportunity for B-roll of the statue submissions at the Mobile Arts Council (6 S Joachim Street) today at 11 a.m. The City of Mobile's Director of Civic Cultural Affairs, Matt Anderson, will also be available to answer questions about the project and the selection process.

251 NOW GUESTS AND TOPICS DISCUSSED IN FIRST QUARTER:

Jan. 7- 251 NOW with Kelly Finley--People United to Advance the Dream Mobile invites EVERYONE to help bring about positive change across the community (Part 2)

My guest:

Rev. David Edwards Jr.

President

People United to Advance The Dream Mobile, Inc.

We discuss:

- 1). The challenges Dr. King was addressing when he was alive.
- 2). The challenges that we face today, and identifying them with solutions.
- 3). Poor voter turnouts.
- 4). Developing and supporting minority businesses to reduce unemployment and crime in our communities.
- 5). Mentoring our youth on challenges they perceived as important.
- 6). Encouraging our Churches to extend their ARMS into the communities around them

The Mission is to embrace Dr. King's dream by empowering the underserved through overcoming social disadvantages by increasing racial equity and increasing financial literacy.

We need support in the area of volunteers, financial sponsorships, get your Ticket/Table for the Gala.... these proceeds will go to sponsor our youth for the advancing the vote tour, by taking them to Selma, AL educating them on the civil rights voting act and what it means for their future.

Also giving out Grants to assist in furthering their education.

NOTABLE MEMORIES OR MOMENTS..... Each year when we travel to Selma we conduct an informative question and answer session on each bus , on the way to and back from selma. The engagement among our youth going there is rather apathetic and uninformed. However, the ride back from Selma is significantly different. They are engaged and competitive in their responses, they are excited about sharing what they have witnessed and learned. This year we plan to develop different teams to create objective strategies and tactics they can develop and employ to make a difference in their communities.

Stay Connected:

Facebook (People United to Advance the Dream)

Website:

www.puadmobile.org

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Mobile, AL 36617

Jan. 14- Mardi Gras the RIGHT way with Mobile Mask! (Part 1)

My guest: Steve Joynt, editor/publisher, Mobile Mask

We discuss:

The Mission: To enhance everyone's Mardi Gras fun.

Mardi Gras 101

Getting the best photo?

Parade Routes

Stories in the magazine; changes in Mardi Gras logistics.

How can the community support? Purchase copies of Mobile Mask magazine, go to mobilemask.com, click on The Magazine, and you'll find the list of 16 locations in Mobile and Baldwin counties that sell the Mask. Or you can purchase one right through the website, though we do charge for postage.

Notable memories or moments from your event, which occurred in previous years:

Right now, I'm thinking most about last year. My kid brother died very suddenly in the summer of 2022. His wife came down for Mardi Gras, her first without him. I wrote about her on the Mask Facebook page, and people went out of their way to be kind to her.

It really touched her. And us.

Stay Connected: Facebook and Twitter (Mobile Mask).

Jan. 21- How The Mobile Area Education Foundation continues to advocate for local & state educational reform...(Part 1)

My guest:

Dr. Jeremiah Newell

CEO of the Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF)

We discuss:

The (MAEF) mission?

To realize bold solutions that dramatically improve the success of youth in the Mobile area.

The Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF) was founded 30 years ago by Carolyn Akers to press for local and state educational reform. Carolyn created a community-wide public engagement process that resulted in community demands and benchmarks for success for all students. Carolyn Akers is retiring and turning over the reins to her mentee Jeremiah Newell. They first met decades ago when he was a high school student and got involved with MAEF with the goal of a career impacting educational reforms and programs for all students in Mobile County. After receiving several degrees and a doctorate from Harvard Jeremiah returned to Mobile to join MAEF.

The future of MEAF is positioning itself to focus on the three pillars: Engaged Community, Excellent Schools, and Career-Ready Youth

- Engaged Community - To effectively address the challenges facing our youth, our schools need the support and engagement of our entire community.
- Excellent Schools - Every child in Mobile County deserves to receive an excellent education.
- Career-Ready Youth - For Mobile to truly thrive in the future, its young people must be ready for employment in the thousands of high-wage, high-demand jobs in our region

How can people help?

Explore the MAEF website and go to the Support MAEF section located at the top of the homepage. Within this section, visitors can discover information on volunteering, partnering with, or making donations to the organization.

Notable memories:

In 2001, Mobile County voters passed a historic tax referendum that put more money into our public schools than had been allocated in more than 40 years. The Mobile Area Education Foundation and our i-LEAD Student Advisory Board are proud to present the 2024 i-LEAD Summit on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The i-LEAD Summit began last year as a forum to engage a diverse group of local high school students in exploring challenges and envisioning solutions to improve the success of all youth in the Mobile area. This year, we are looking to extend the work of the Summit by having our Student Advisory Board partner with local civic leaders and business owners in bringing solutions proposed at the

Summit to life.

OUR VISION Mobile is a community that puts children first, a place where all are provided with whatever it takes to reach adulthood ready to succeed.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION Thank you for considering an online contribution to the Mobile Area Education Foundation. With every dollar contributed toward financing and enriching our programs, your investment in MAEF is an effective and efficient way to be engaged in the betterment of public education for all children in Mobile County. Thank you for your support!

Stay Connected:

Visit the newly redesigned MAEF website to learn more about our organization and future events:

<https://maef.net/>

Instagram - [@mobileareaeducationfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/mobileareaeducationfoundation)

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554640507440>

Jan. 28- Fostering Together Gulf Coast teams up with Rich's Car Wash & the entire community WINS! (Part 2)

My guests:

Sarah Bumgarner, Marketing Director, Rich's Car Wash

Michael Schultz, Director of Training & Development &

Fostering Together Gulf Coast, President

We discuss:

- Rich's Car Wash mission- "Treating people like family while providing the best car wash experience every day." Our Core beliefs: "The 3 P's" - People, Passion, & Perfection.
- How you can apply for support from Rich's
- How Rich's supports staff in their volunteer roles and the communities we are in.

How can people help?

Attend the events we sponsor and share on media, visit the non-profit websites to learn more, ask your employers to help you

Fostering Together Gulf Coast is a nonprofit that began in 2019 with the goal of providing support to foster and adoptive families in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

We promote healthy foster and adoptive families by providing easy access to resources that help build strong, resilient children who thrive within healthy families and break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and trauma. We also provide an outlet for our local community to come alongside these children and families in support. We are committed to walking alongside these families in order to help lighten their load and build a supportive community around them.

Fostering Together Gulf Coast has a resource center located at 3251-C

[Old Shell Rd, Mobile, AL 36607](#), across from Dreamland BBQ.

Their hours: Tues-Fri from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Sat 10:00AM - 12:00 PM. The resource center is there for all currently licensed foster families and families who have finalized an adoption.

Fostering Together has several events designed each month to allow foster and adoptive families to build community and support with others on the same life journey they are on. Everything from social gatherings, to respite nights, to educational trainings. They also provide access to supportive gifts and other things needed that are organized around holidays and other specific calendar events.

Fostering Together Gulf Coast has year round needs for donations of clothing for newborn through 18 year olds. They need diapers and other baby specific items. They need car seats and pack-n-plays and strollers. Each month they highlight a specific need that either the resource center needs or that maybe is a known need in the community.

Stay Connected:

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok- @Richscarwash

www.richscarwash.com

Feb. 4- Win \$10,000 and toast to UCP & Braided River for the 2024 "Pot of Gold" (Part 2). My guests: Wayne Dean/Special Events Coordinator/United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile. David Nelson / Founder / Braided River Brewing Company

For Immediate Release: POT OF GOLD RETURNS

Wondering 'where da gold at?' The St. Patrick's Day themed raffle is your chance to win your own Pot of Gold and help people with disabilities in south Alabama. United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile is bringing back its highly popular the Pot of Gold \$10,000 Raffle for 2024. Although the winner will not be drawn until St. Patrick's Street Party you can participate now by going to the UCP website, ucpmobile.org. Tickets are \$100 and will be limited to just 500 tickets. That means a one-in-500 chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000.

The Grand Prize ticket will be drawn on Saturday, March 16, at 5:00 pm at Callaghan's Irish Social Club during the annual St. Patrick's Day Street Party. It will also be streamed live on Facebook®. You don't have to be present to win. Early Bird Prize Drawings for \$500 will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 22,

Thursday, February 29, Thursday, March 7, and Friday, March 14. Each drawing will be streamed live at UCP's Facebook® page. Winners of the Early Bird Drawings will be placed back in the drawing for the Grand Prize.

All donations will support UCP's programs for children and adults with disabilities throughout 32 counties in south Alabama.

To learn more about us and the people we serve and to purchase a Pot of Gold \$10,000 raffle ticket visit the website www.ucpmobile.org.

Braided River Brewing Company

The mission: Braided River makes flavorful craft beer designed to pair with the Gulf Coast lifestyle. We want beer that goes along no matter where the adventure takes us, and that doesn't make us choose between great beer and drinkability.

They will: release their "Where Da Gold At" Golden Ale - promoting UCP's mission along with raising funds for them through the purchase of the beer. They will host a release party at the brewery on Feb 29th with food trucks and UCP raffle.

Stay Connected:

Our taproom in Downtown Mobile, or visit Braidedriverbrewing.com for all our info.

Braided River Brewing Company

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Feb. 11- How to pick a good Real Estate Agent, why curb appeal matters so much and how you can make your property stand out from the rest...(part 2)

Roslyn Spencer is back with more Real Estate 101 information to help you sell your home, purchase a home, invest in land and more!

Mission: My mission has always been one of service and with real estate my mission is to help people along their home buying journey

#RozTheRealtor says:

The first thing to do is find a real estate agent. If there's not someone that you already know, there's definitely nothing wrong with interviewing a few agents to see who you feel most comfortable with. (SN, be prepared, you and your agents will become besties lol)

Once you've found your agent, they'll work on a market analysis to make sure your home is priced correctly which is how you make sure that the home sells quickly.

Also, be sure to discuss with your agent your desired timeframe to move and how soon you would like your home listed. Once you've discussed these details, you'll most likely go through a series similar to this checklist prior to your listing going live:

- a. Consider your curb appeal
- b. Declutter living areas
- c. Depersonalize your space
- d. Repaint walls to neutral tones
- e. Touch up any scuff marks
- f. Fix any loose handles

3. Is it possible to sell my house and use the cash from that sale to buy my new home"? Yes, it's actually quite common...and both the sale of the current home and the buying of the new home can happen within 24 hours within one another.

One of the first things to do is to already have your current home listed (if possible) and consider the price range of the new home you would like to be in...(SN: be sure you have talked to a loan officer to finance any amount the cash

from sale would not cover.).

Once you've found the home you'd like to make an offer on, your realtor will write that offer with a "First right of refusal" contingency, which gives you a chance to get an offer on yours so that those funds can be used for the new home.

Stay Connected:

Instagram, facebook, and internet ([roslynsperencer.kw.com](https://www.instagram.com/roslynsperencer.kw.com))

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Feb. 18- Meet Sandeley Destine, Personal Trainer/Life Coach and designing workouts & holistic plans specifically for WOMEN! (Part 2)

My guest: Sandeley Destine

Owner: Healthy Balance Body Fitness

Personal Training Studio

What's the mission of your organization?

The mission of our organization is to educate and empower our clients to lead healthy lifestyles encompassing physical, mental, and emotional well-being. We are committed to providing personalized fitness programs, holistic wellness education, and a supportive community environment to help individuals achieve their health and fitness goals. Specifically, our niche lies in assisting moms/women to lose 10-20 pounds through our specialized 90-day weight loss program, while still allowing them to enjoy their favorite meals. We aim to inspire and guide our clients towards sustainable lifestyle changes that promote long-term health and happiness.

At Healthy Balance Body Fitness, we believe in a holistic approach to health and wellness. Our mission is to educate our clients not only on physical fitness but also on mental and emotional well-being. We want to empower our members to live healthier, happier lives in every aspect.

We've developed a unique 90-day weight loss program specifically designed for moms in Mobile, Alabama. Our program helps moms lose 10-20 pounds by incorporating personalized training sessions three times a week. And here's the best part - we understand the importance of enjoying your favorite meals, so our program allows moms/women to indulge while still achieving their weight loss goals. It's all about balance and sustainability.

Community is at the heart of what we do. We strive to create a supportive and inclusive environment where our members feel motivated and encouraged every step of the way. We offer free classes on Sunday Morning from 8:00am - 10:00am. We foster camaraderie and accountability among our members, creating a true sense of belonging.

Our coaching team is comprised of certified trainers who are passionate about helping our clients achieve their goals. They provide personalized workout plans, nutritional guidance, and emotional support to ensure our clients succeed. And speaking of success, we've had some incredible transformations within our community. Not only do our clients achieve their weight loss goals, but they also experience improvements in their confidence, energy levels, and overall well-being.

We regularly share updates, fitness tips, client success stories, and more on these platforms to keep our community engaged and informed. Feel free to follow

us for all the latest news and inspiration on your health and wellness journey!
Internship Opportunities: Calling all students! Gain invaluable experience in the fitness industry through internship opportunities offered in partnership with the University of South Alabama. This hands-on experience will not only enhance your skills but also contribute to the growth of our local gym.

Stay Connected:

Instagram: @hbbfit_officialFacebook

Facebook at [facebook.com/HBBFit](https://www.facebook.com/HBBFit).

Phone Number: (251) 250-0431

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Website: hbbf.mediclients.com

Feb. 18- The 2024 Festival of Flowers wants you to "Make Your Mark"! (Part 1) Kendall Hurley/Development Officer/Providence Foundation Riley Brenes/Artist

The Festival of Flowers, an annual garden and flower show, supports the special charitable community programs of USA Health's Providence Hospital's healing ministry. The Festival of Flowers is dedicated to the promotion of gardening and horticultural excellence while encouraging the preservation of the natural resources. As it grows and expands the Festival has as a continuous goal of remaining one of Mobile's major cultural events and one of the premier events in the Southeast.

We discuss:

How Riley along with the Nest of Mobile and The Juvenile Court of Mobile County have allowed him to highlight the importance of engaging at-risk-youth with community service focused on beautification and cultural inclusion.

If the young people seem to be the ones tearing down the community with violence and theft- then perhaps we need to show them how to build the community with aspects of our culture they aren't involved with yet.

Yes, Mobile is known for her Mardi Gras and revelry but her botanical beauty and local camaraderie is her finest legacy!

Horticulture is our shared culture and should be celebrated.

Life started in the garden and we need to remember that our connection to creation is crucial to our self care. The first thing we learn about God is he is a creator. When we create beauty, in my opinion, we are praising Him.

Our city needs God more than ever and I believe Providence's faithful service to the call of charity is deeply rooted in our community's culture and we need to continue to foster that growth any way we can.

Young people need to be included in all cultural aspects of our local community.

We shouldn't just motivate them- we should mobilize them to work alongside us to continue building the city's legacy of volunteerism through beautification.

The Sam Lackland Mural that will be the stage setting for The Festival's "Make your Mark" theme pays tribute to the ideals of creative altruism. That in 1929 young people from the Mobile JayCees planted and distributed hundreds of azaleas all across the city. It was strong leadership and young people working together that gave us our identity as "The Azalea City" which spawned our early tourism industry, the world renowned Trail Maids, and the annual Trail Run.

The mural illustrates Lackland writing, surrounded by the Azalea Trail as he, along with the youth, make their mark in Mobile's History. Imagine young people planting across the city every fall and spring season. They will see they are valued and that their legacy can grow here too! It's the simple things, like planting a tree or painting a mural to brighten up a community space, that have a lasting impact.

Notable memories: One year, as many of the court involved youth's family came to see their children's hard work, a man and his son stood proudly and I took their photo. The father told his son "WOW! I never knew you had so much talent!" And the son replied "I didn't either." I watched the boy hold back tears as his father said he was proud while he Facebook lived the festival bragging about his son's work to his followers. For me, that's what it's about, for these kids to be seen as more than a "burden" but as the blessings they truly are. Sometimes we forget children are a blessing from God and that they need to be reminded their potential is perpetual. Just like our city's.

How can people help? People can help by volunteering their time, donating at the gate, voting on their favorite display, purchasing a Gala, Buds and Brews or Trivia ticket, shopping at our Festival Shop.

Funds will be used to purchase a new fleet of EKG monitors for USA Health Providence

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Mar. 3-They've got the beat! Mark your calendars: The Jazz Art Writers South Festival has something for everyone! (Part 1)

My guests:

Willie Dinish III, Co-Director & Festival Curator/JAWS Fest or Jazz Art Writers South Festival

Mohummed-Rafee Shakir/ Musical Director-Lead/Jazz,Arts, Writers South (JAWS) Festival/Mo's Mobile Music

Our Mission Statement: To connect the community to Mobile Jazz and all things pertaining to Jazz. To develop all aspects of promoting Jazz in the Mobile, AL area including music, art and literature. And to serve as a premier opportunity for the intersection of education and entertainment opportunities for artists involved in the culture of Jazz on the Southern Coastal Area.

Details: 12 JAWS Youth Campuses & 5 Live Concerts- JAWS Festival Website - jawsfestival.com

We are a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and we are able to accept direct donations on our website and we are open to sponsors now for our events covering two months worth of activities/concerts/engagements.- Volunteers are welcomed and should be able to sign up for opportunities via our website by the end of this week.

Notable memories: 2022 - That first Excelsior Band Concert at Marx Library and presenting awards to Boys & Girls Club members. Then launching the JAWS

Youth Art Exhibit Tour in partnership with Mobile Public Library.2023 -
Mohammed's concert - "A Tribute to Wayne Shorter" & Jason Irvin's Art Exhibit in
USA BioMed Library, Adding Jazz & Poetry to our event lineup (open mic
opportunities Website: <https://www.jawsfestival.com/>Email:

jawsfestival@gmail.com Visit my office at Central Presbyterian Church, 1260
Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36604

Visit our campus home: University of South Alabama Marx Library

- April 4th Concert at Laidlaw Performing arts center Mohammed- Rafee Shakir Presents: "The Modern Vanguard- The Continuum of Jazz".
- The importance of Jazz Music and The Blues in American cultural history. (How does understanding the history of Jazz music broaden our perspective of our American cultural and political identity?)
- Black Arts, the image, and Media representation
- Mo's Mobile Music aims to bring access to one-on-one music education to the Mobile, Alabama community, promoting creative growth through special instruction.
- There are Sponsorship opportunities that businesses can take advantage of which contribute to being able fund programs in the festival.
- There membership tiers people can buy into which also go towards festival program funding.
- People are able to volunteer their time which helps provide the necessary manpower to facilitate festival events.
- Donation of any amount will go towards the continuation of JAWS Festival for years to come.

• Anyone interested in Sponsorships, becoming a member, donating, or volunteering can do so by visiting [jawsfestival.com](https://www.jawsfestival.com)

Notable memories: Last year was the first year in which we were able play at the University of South Alabama's Laidlaw performing arts center. It was a pivotal moment for the festival in being able to represent some of Mobile's finest Jazz Musicians at the University.

Stay Connected: Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jawsfestival/>

Facebook: Jazz Art Writers South Festival

• The JAWS Festival website is: [jawsfestival.com](https://www.jawsfestival.com)

• My Facebook is Mohammed-Rafee Shakir and my Instagram is:

[Ptah_Music_Studio](#)• Instagram: [Ptah_Music_Studio](#) Facebook: Mohammed-

Rafee

Shakir

251 NOW with Kelly Finley-- The JMH "Lets Get It" 5k, in memory of PFC Justin Hasty benefiting The Wounded Warrior Project & Semper Fi Fund

JMH Lets Get It 5k

March 18th--Mobile, AL (Our headquarters will be The Paint Store located at 2051 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL. 36606 with our race time at 10am.)

Our mission: Remembering & honoring my son with donations made to The Wounded Warrior Project & The America's Fund

*This is our 10th event!

*We still gathered AND raised money all during Covid

*Our 9 year fundraising total is \$147,616.00 - an average of \$16,400 per year!

*People travel from Missouri, California, North Carolina, Michigan & Florida to participate.

*We are the only local fundraiser for The Wounded Warrior Project & The America's Fund

Stay Connected:

www.Jmhletsgetit.com

(251) 423-7210

Address: 418 Coventry Way, Mobile, AL

Mar. 10-Inside the 2024 Wharf Boat and Yacht Show & "the Voice" of high school football! (Part 1)

My guest: Jim Cox

About the 2024 Wharf Boat and Yacht Show

March 15th-March 17th

As one of the most iconic spots on the Gulf Coast, The Wharf in Orange Beach is known for many things. The Ferris wheel, concerts by the best artists in the country, shopping, and dining on Main Street, Blue Marlin tournaments, and a fun family destination for both locals and beach visitors. But for those who love boats, boating, fishing, and living the 'coastal lifestyle,' it's also has become

known for something else over the past decade.

The Wharf Boat and Yacht Show is the Southeast's premier boat show. The Wharf is transformed into the 'Boating Epicenter' of the Gulf Coast each March. The region's top dealers, representing the country's best brands, bring over 800 boats totaling more than \$100 million of marine inventory to Orange Beach. This year's show, which takes place March 15-17, will feature 140 sportfishing yachts, cruisers, and center consoles in wet slips at The Wharf Marina. In addition, another 700 trailerable fishing boats, pontoons, wake boats, and personal watercraft will be displayed throughout The Wharf's property. Alongside all that marine inventory are more than 100 exhibitors showcasing the latest and hottest trends in marine accessories, electronics, motors, and the best offerings to the coastal lifestyle.

With a proven track record of annually producing more than \$20 Million in boat sales during the show weekend, The Wharf Boat and Yacht Show provides a win-win-win environment for buyers, dealers, and exhibitors.

Boat shows take place for one reason: to sell boats, lots and lots of boats, and marine products.

Boat and engine manufacturers, dealers, and marine exhibitors collectively harness the buying power of boat show attendees.

These sellers know it's a buyer's market at The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show. With so much competition all in one place, it allows potential buyers to compare models, dealers, and deals side-by-side exclusively at a once-a-year event. This drives special pricing and incentives, known as 'boat show pricing,' and it's also why the year's best incentives and deepest discounts end when the show closes. The Wharf Boat and Yacht Show is also a great way to spend a day or two enjoying not just the show but fishing seminars, kids' art classes, live music, food, cocktails, and luxury vehicles, all at the only venue capable of hosting such a weekend, The Wharf in Orange Beach.

For show hours and a complete weekend schedule, a list of dealers and exhibitors, and to purchase tickets online, visit WharfBoatShow.com

Mar. 17-The 7th Annual Downtown Cajun Cook Off, it's "GAME ON" for 27 teams and local kids win BIG!! (Part 1)

My guests:

Noell Broughton

VP of the Board of Directors for the Child Advocacy Center/Chairman/

Founder of the Cajun Cookoff

Toby Brown – Attorney / Partner

Cunningham Bounds Law Firm

The Cajun Cookoff on 3/23 10am-2pm

Cathedral Square

27 teams cooking different cajun dishes

Raising money for the Child Advocacy Center

We are asking everyone to buy tickets to the event and come enjoy great food, great music and great fun.

Cunningham Bounds has been the title sponsor since the cook-off began (2015). For more than 65 years, Cunningham Bounds has dedicated itself to the pursuit of aiding those in need. Aside from assisting families facing serious injuries or the

loss of a loved one, the firm has also engaged in championing local charities, organizations, and agencies. Among these, the Child Advocacy Center stands out, dedicated to the noble mission of aiding children who have suffered from abuse.

Since 1988, the Child Advocacy Center has served thousands of children in the Mobile area. The Center provides a warm, non-threatening environment where professionals responding to reports of child abuse meet with their young clients. The Child Advocacy Center is intended to be a “special place” for any child who walks through its doors. Every aspect of the center is crafted to communicate that each child is valued by the professionals who dedicate their efforts at the Child Advocacy Center.

Since its inception, the cook-off has successfully generated over \$455,000 in funds for the Child Advocacy Center and the children under their care.

This year we have 27 teams registered to cook. This is the most teams we have ever had participate. We expect this year to be our best year yet. We encourage the community to buy tickets early and come out to enjoy a day filled with great food and music.

People can help by buying a ticket and attending the Downtown Cajun Cook-Off on March 23. Ticket sales and proceeds from the event benefit the Child Advocacy Center and will help fund services the agency provides in our community for abused children and their families. The purchase of a ticket is a donation to the Child Advocacy Center.

All funds raised will be used to support the work of the Child Advocacy Center whose mission is to help children who have been victims of abuse.

Tickets/Event Details

March 23, 2024 – Cathedral Square, Mobile, AL

Gates open at 10:00 / Event ends by 2:00

Tickets are \$15 in advance / \$18 in advance online / \$20 at the gate

- Children 6 and under will be allowed in for free
- Tickets are available for purchase in advance at
 - o Child Advocacy Center
 - o Bebo’s (Springhill Market and Hillcrest Market)
 - o Olensky Brothers (Downtown)
 - o Arrow Exterminators (Mobile & Baldwin County)
 - o or, online at www.cacmobile.org (\$18 each)

Stay Connected:

Website – cunninghambounds.com

Phone – 251-471-6191

Address - 1601 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama

Cunningham Bounds also has an office in Atlanta, Georgia

Tickets can be purchased at the CAC, Arrow Exterminator locations, Mellow Mushroom, Debris.

Also on the CAC Facebook page.

Mar. 24-Why the C3 Experience is exactly what you, your family and friends need to feel like ROYALTY (Part 1)!

Meet my guest: Dione Williams The C3 Experience

The C3 represents Canvas, Candles and Corks.

The C3 Experience offers a unique blend of canvas painting and candle-making while enjoying wine.

The C3 Experience was birthed from a need of having not just something to do on the social scene, but something different. Our focus on creating a warm and inviting ambiance where guests can unleash their creativity while enjoying upscale amenities like curated wine selections and charcuterie boards is what sets C3 apart. You can go to any of your local retailers and get candle, canvas and corks, but there is nothing like a C3 Experience because it's not just about the activities; it's about "The Experience."

Three Key Components of The C3 Experience:

1. Community. Our guests bond with their friends and even make new friends.
2. Creativity. Our guests create a tangible and unique piece of fun art, not fine art, every visit.
3. Couture. Our upscale experience and relaxed vibe allows our guests to unwind. As an added bonus to our guests' experience we offer complimentary wine and charcuterie options.

Community is a core value and at the heart of The C3 Experience. We provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where guests come together to share in the joy of creativity. Whether they're painting side by side or enjoying a glass of wine with friends, our goal is to facilitate connections and create lasting memories.

At The C3 Experience, creativity is all about having fun and expressing oneself. Our guests create tangible and unique pieces of art during their visit, emphasizing the joy of the creative process over the pursuit of fine art perfection. Whether it's painting a canvas or crafting a custom candle, everyone leaves with something they can be proud of.

We prioritize every aspect of the guest experience to ensure it aligns with our upscale vibe. From the carefully curated wine selection to the ambiance of our venue, every detail is thoughtfully considered. Additionally, our staff is trained to provide exceptional service, enhancing the overall quality of the Experience. In addition to our canvas painting and candle-making experiences, we offer complimentary wine and charcuterie options to help guests unwind and indulge during their visit. Our venue is designed to be a welcoming space where guests can escape the stresses of everyday life and fully immerse themselves in the moment...an Experience.

What does The C3 Experience offer?

At The C3 Experience, you can enjoy an upscale atmosphere and vibe while enjoying:

- Canvas-Painting Experience
- Candle-Making Experience
- Complimentary Wine
- Charcuterie Boards and Cups
- Book Venue for Private Events: Birthday Parties, Bachelorette Parties, Kids Parties, Bridal Showers, Baby Showers, Church Events, Photoshoots, Team Building/Networking, etc.
- In addition to our Experiences, please join us for our monthly Special Events: First Friday Mixer, Brunch and Bubbles (Live Jazz Brunch), Verses and Vibes (Spoken Word & Neo Soul), and so much MORE!

Stay Connected: Find the C3 Experience on Facebook and Instagram!

MAR 31st- You are invited to the Dauphin Island Bird Banding Event, April 6-10th (Part 1)

Emma Rhodes, Director of Conservation and Scientific Research Banding Coalition of the Americas (BCA)

BCA is dedicated to avian research and outreach. By employing banding and cutting-edge tracking techniques, our goal is to connect the dots of birds' lives to fully understand their life cycles for conservation.

1. Spring Bird Banding on Dauphin Island: Where and when is this event occurring? It will occur on Dauphin Island and will run from April 6th-10th from 8-2pm every day. The event is co-hosted by BCA and Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries or DIBS.

2. Why should people attend this event?

We find that some of our guests are birders but many come to the banding event out of a love of nature, wildlife and outdoors. This is a family-friendly and free event for all ages. It is a unique opportunity to see the beautiful migratory bird species that pass through Dauphin Island in an up-close and personal manner while having access to experts. Ask questions, take pictures! Bring a chair and stay awhile.

3. What will you gain from attending?

Thousands of birds stopover on Dauphin Island during spring migration. Banding is a federally licensed capture and release method that allows us to study birds for conservation and research. Visitors to the banding site will be able to watch our researchers conduct the detailed process of collecting data and banding then releasing the birds. Additionally, we will be showing the birds for visitors to see and photograph before we release them. Our volunteer experts engage with visitors and discuss the birds, talk about their natural histories and answer questions.

How can people help?

· By attending the Dauphin Island Bird Banding Event and other banding events, visitors become more aware of the birds around them. We hope they leave the event with more knowledge of birds, conservation, and become a patron and/or donate to our non-profit, and also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

BCA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization where donations truly support all our work. One can become a patron for as little as \$5 monthly and receive exclusive news on our research projects and events.

DIBS is also an all-volunteer non-profit, working to preserve the migratory bird habitat on Dauphin Island.

Please share any notable memories or moments from previous years:

My favorite thing about the event is watching how releasing a bird can really be a special moment for our guests. I have been able to watch multiple kids grow up attending the event every year. One girl in particular stands out since I've known her and her family since about 2010—when I was still training to become a bander. We have a photo of me letting her release a bird from 2014 and we recreated this photo this past fall at one of our events with her all grown up.

Go to our website at bandingcoalition.org, and DIBS: dauphinislandbirds.com
Also available on Facebook and Instagram

Facebook and Instagram you can find us with the handle @Bandingcoalition.

WEEKEND RUNDOWNS- LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS, ARTS, AND PHILANTHROPY THAT WE PROMOTE EACH WEEKEND

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 1/5-1/7

FRIDAY 1 / 5

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK- Fri 6pm-8pm, Downtown Fairhope

Stroll the streets of downtown Fairhope and enjoy special activities and live music at shops and art galleries. Check out the new exhibit at the Eastern Shore Art Center, and live music inside by Jay Megginson.

SATURDAY 1 / 6

LIGHTING OF THE MARDI GRAS TREE- Sat 5:30pm-6:30pm, Mardi Gras Park, Downtown Mobile. Let the Good Times Roll with some festive Mardi Gras music from "The Juke Box Brass Band" as the City of Mobile lights the Mardi Gras Tree to Celebrate the Season! Bring a chair or blanket and your favorite snacks and beverages for the concert.

EDDIE B- TEACHERS ONLY COMEDY TOUR- Sat 8pm, Mobile Saenger

Theatre. Educators worldwide are getting a lesson in the funniest ways to express their worst frustrations with Eddie B's hysterically realistic portrayal of a teacher's hectic life, from the point of view of an actual teacher!

Love + Adventure Art Bazaar- Sat Noon - 6PM. Oyster City Brewing in Midtown Mobile. You'll find artists of all kinds, some performing, others selling their products. Non-profits are also invited to show off their good cause. The folks at Oyster City Brewing Company promise a fun day of arts and culture for all ages. There's even a kids' section, complete with face painting!

CARDIO DANCE LAUNCH PARTY- Sat 10 AM-6PM. Enjoy the launch of a transformative free community Cardio Dance class on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Hillsdale Community Center. The purpose of this class is to grow in health, fitness, and connection. This vision can't happen without you! Come with friends, wear bright colors, and have fun! This class is suitable for all fitness levels!

KREWE DE PALOOZA- Sat 11AM-3PM. HOPHOUNDS BREW PUB AND DOG PARK 806 Monroe St.. Enjoy Krewe de Rescue's first adoption event and fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at HopHounds Brew Pub and Dog Park. Support a great cause while adopting your new best friend!

ICE SKATING AT THE WHARF: - Nov 17-Jan 15, Main Street, The Wharf, Orange Beach. Grab a pair of skates and glide, spin or fall into the season by coasting on blades.

SUNDAY 1 / 7

FREE FIRST SUNDAY at HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE- Sun 1pm-5pm, History Museum of Mobile, Downtown Mobile. Visit any time from 1 - 5 p.m. and enjoy free admission into the History Museum of Mobile and Colonial Fort Conde. On display now: "Hubble Space Telescope: New Views from the Universe," and "A History of Mobile in 22 Objects." This will be the last day to see the Hubble exhibition, so don't miss it!

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 1/12-1/15

FRIDAY 1 / 12

LODA ART WALK CELEBRATES MICKEY MOUSE- Fri 6pm-9pm, Lower Dauphin Arts District, Downtown Mobile. LoDa ArtWalk celebrates all things Mickey Mouse! Wear your favorite Mickey attire and enjoy Mickey crafts, music, photo ops, and more in the Kids Zone on N. Claiborne Street. Come downtown to show your support of local artists, arts organizations, and downtown businesses at this fun, family-friendly event.

SATURDAY 1 / 13

KREWE DE LA DAUPHINE MARDI GRAS PARADE- Sat 1pm, Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island.

MYSTERY POP-UP EVENT- Sat 6pm-8pm, Red Bar Espresso & Market, Old Shell Rd, Mobile. The City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Dept is excited to host monthly

Mystery Pop-Ups in 2024! Every month, there will be a new location and new fun! You'll know the dates, but the details are a MYSTERY! This first month's theme is Trivia! Get ready for a night packed with fun, trivia and surprises!

FAMILY MARDI GRAS DAY- Sat. 1-5PM. Mobile Museum Of Art 4850 Museum Drive, Mobile, AL. Kick off the Mardi Season with MMofA at the Family Mardi Gras Day.

The MMofA education team has a variety of art-making activities including mask-making and creating floats out of shoeboxes. They will also have second line dancing with Gloria Petit Williams and live music

0.5K RACE FOR THE REST OF US- The race for those who've always thought, "I'd love to race but can't do the 5-10k" gets started at 1:30pm Saturday in downtown Fairhope with a little bit of exercise, and then the party starts! There will be music, food trucks, costume contests and so much more!

COMEDIAN BRIAN REGAN- Sat 7:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre.

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ORANGE BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK/BAKE SALE- The Friends of Orange Beach Public Library can help with their annual Book and Bake Sale! From 9am until 5pm at the Orange Beach Community Center on Friday and Saturday, all of the books that need to be taken out of circulation from the library will be up for grabs at low prices! All of the books are first-come-first-served, so you'll want to get there early for the best books!

SUNDAY 1 / 14

MOBILE MARATHON, PRESENTED BY MOBILE INFIRMARY- Sun 7:30am, Church Street next to Mardi Gras Park, Downtown Mobile. The Mobile Marathon will feature Full and Half Marathons, a Team Competition (Full and Half), and a 1.2 Fun Run.

All events benefit First Light Community (formerly L'Arche Mobile), an organization providing people with and without intellectual disabilities an opportunity to share life together.

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 1/19-1/22

FRIDAY 1 / 12

6th Annual KING CAKE-OFF - Fri 5pm- 7:30pm, Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall, Downtown Mobile. Who has the best King Cake on the Gulf Coast? YOU BE THE

JUDGE! Local bakeries, eateries, and grocery stores will compete to see who has the tastiest King Cake and King Cake-Inspired Treat on the Gulf Coast. This family-friendly event will feature live music, local vendors, kids' activities, King Cake tastings, and more! This event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Gulf Coast.

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Two Mardi Gras Balls tonight - Nereides (Fort Whiting)
Order of Osiris (Mobile Convention Center)

SATURDAY 1 / 13

DAUPHIN ISLAND PEOPLE'S PARADE- Sat 1pm, Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island.
ORDER OF THE MARDI MUTTS- Sat 10am-1pm, City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 850 Owens St, Mobile. The Friends of Mobile Animal Shelter are teaming up with the City of Mobile Animal Services for Order of the Mardi Mutts, a Mardi Gras themed adoption event. Attendees can enjoy treats, family-friendly activities, more! PLUS: Adopt a new pet and receive a FREE Mardi Gras themed stuffed animal with your official adoption certificate.

PIRATES OF LOST TREASURE MARDI GRAS FLOTILLA- Sat 10:45am-3:30pm, Perdido Key. Join the Pirates of Lost Treasure for their annual Flotilla. This year's theme is a tribute to Jimmy Buffett, "Yes, I am a Pirate." The fleet departs Holiday Harbor Marina at promptly 10:45 a.m. You can watch the flotilla at the Big Lagoon State Park, Galvez Landing, and Innerarity Point Park.

KIDS DAY 2024- Sat 10am-1pm, Trimmier Park, Alba Club Rd, Mobile. Rev up your engines and get ready to burn rubber! Bring your Power Wheels for the race of a lifetime. Enjoy music, bounce houses, and more! Race and registration is FREE!

MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents FIREBIRD- Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Director Scott Speck says, "Firebird encompasses three of the most groundbreaking composers of two centuries: The consummate Romantic (Tchaikovsky), the ultimate musical adventurer (Stravinsky) and the most influential jazz composer (Duke Ellington)."

SILENT DISCO HEADPHONE PARTY- Sat 8pm-10pm, Cedar Street Social Club, Downtown Mobile. Get ready to party 'quietly' with The Mobile Rundown and Do Some Good Mobile at the Silent Disco Party – where the music is loud... in your headphones only! Choose between three different channels of music and groove to your favorite. A portion of proceeds benefits Do Some Good Mobile.

CASINO BRIDGE RUN 5 & 10K - 7AM-11AM Sat. Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge 151 Beach Blvd, Biloxi. 8th Annual Casino Bridge Run - 10K/5K Run & 5K Competitive Walk. Come Join us for the BEST 10K & 5K on the Mississippi Gulf Coast ! Event details and schedule Registration and Packet Pick-up: Friday, January 26th from 3PM to 7 PM: Late registration, packet pick-up, and Expo inside the Golden Nugget Casino

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Mardi Gras Balls Tonight:

Joy of Life (Daphne Civic Center)

Krewe of Phoenix (Fort Whiting)

La Luna Servante (Mobile Civic Center)

Marquis de Lafayette Societe Inc. (Abba Shrine Center)

Mystic DJ Riders (Elks Lodge 108 on DIP)

Treasures of the Isle (Orange Beach Event Center)

Why Not Knights (Eastern Shore Art Center)

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN 1/26-1/28

MARDI GRAS PARADES:

FRIDAY:

6:30pm- Conde Cavaliers

SATURDAY:

2pm- Bayport Parading Society, Mystic DJ Riders (Mobile, Route A)

2pm- [Order of the Rolling River](#) (Dauphin Island Parkway)

4pm- [Milton Mardi Gras Parade](#)- Right after the parade join us at Jernigan's Landing on the beautiful Blackwater River for the FREE Afterparty with Live music, vendors, food trucks, kids zone, fireworks, and more.

6:30 pm- Pharaohs, Conde Explorers (Mobile, Route A)

SUNDAY:

6:30 pm- Massacre Island Secret Society (Dauphin Island)

*******CANCELLED DUE TO WX** ***** **MYSTIC KREWE OF SALTY PAWS MARDI GRAS PET PARADE-** Sat 10am, Water Tower, Dauphin Island The pirate theme this year will be “Mythical Creatures and Other Fantastic Beasts”. Prizes will be awarded for Best Group, Most Creative, and Best Cart. Proceeds benefit ARF, Animal Rescue Foundation. Registration begins at 9am.

GUMBO & ALABAMA SLAMMER FESTIVAL - Sat 10am-6pm, Heritage Park, Foley. Don't miss this day of family fun with gumbo, Alabama Slammers, live bands (including the Tip Tops at 4pm), kids activities, arts & crafts and more.

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN Feb 2- 4th

MARDI GRAS PARADES:

THURSDAY:

6:30 p.m. - Order of Polka Dots (Mobile, Route A)

FRIDAY:

6:30 p.m. - Order of Inca (Mobile, Route A)

6:45 p.m. - Apollo's Mystic Ladies (Daphne)

SATURDAY:

1 p.m. - Mobile Mystics, Mobile Mystical Revelers, Mobile Mystical Friends (Mobile, Route A)

1 p.m. - Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Parade

2 p.m. - [OWA Puppy Pet Parade](#) (Foley)

3 p.m. - [Mystic Mutts of Revelry](#) (Fairhope)

6:30 p.m. - Knights of Ecor Rouge (Fairhope)

6:30 p.m. - Maids of Mirth (Mobile, Route G), Order of Butterfly Maidens, Krewe of Marry Mates (Mobile, Route A)

SUNDAY:

6:30 p.m. - Neptune's Daughters, Order of Isis (Mobile, Route A)

REESE'S SENIOR BOWL- Sat 12 noon, Hancock Whitney Stadium, USA campus, Mobile.The Reese's Senior Bowl is widely regarded as the preeminent college football all-star game and the first stage in the NFL Draft process. The longest continual-running all-star game has taken place in Mobile the past 74 years. This is the 75th Senior Bowl and the 75th Anniversary Team Legends will be on hand to celebrate.

SENIOR BOWL EVENTS:

SENIOR BOWL MARDI GRAS PLAYER PARADE- Fri 6 p.m., Downtown Mobile Entertainment District, Dauphin St

Join us on the parade route from the Renaissance Hotel® on Royal Street and then west on St. Francis past Bienville Square for the annual Mardi Gras player parade, along with local high school marching bands, Senior Bowl players in their college jerseys, college mascots, local dignitaries and NFL cheerleaders!

SENIOR BOWL FAN FEST- Sat 9:30 a.m., Hancock Whitney Stadium, USA campus

Fan Fest will be located on the southwest lawn of Hancock Whitney Stadium! This fun zone will include food, inflatables, yard games and other family-fun activities. Stop by for a quick bite, meet the New Orleans Saints Cheer Krewe and college mascots from across the country.

SENIOR BOWL CONCERT FEATURING THE COUNTING CROWS- Sat 8 p.m., Mardi Gras Park, Downtown Mobile

Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping postgame celebration Saturday, as the Senior Bowl concludes with the FREE Counting Crows Concert!

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK- Fri 6pm-8pm, Downtown Fairhope

Stroll the streets of Downtown Fairhope and enjoy special activities and live music at shops and art galleries. Check out the new exhibit at the Eastern Shore Art Center, along with live music.

LIVING HISTORY CREW DRILL AT THE BATTLESHIP- Sat 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. Historical reenactors, dressed in WWII period Navy uniforms, will be aboard the USS ALABAMA and USS DRUM demonstrating what life aboard ship was like during wartime.

The big event of the day happens at 1:00 p.m. when “Call to Battle Stations” is sounded. Grab a spot on the bow of the USS ALABAMA and watch as vintage enemy aircraft fly over and attack the ship.

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN 2/16-2/18

FRIDAY 2/16

GIPSY KINGS featuring Nicolas Reyes + special guests Roman Street - Fri 8pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre Nicolas Reyes has been the leader and co-founder of the Gipsy Kings for well over 30 years. In the past three decades, they have dominated the World Music charts and sold more than 14 million albums worldwide.

Open Mic Night- Lupercalia Art Society 358 Dauphin St, Mobile, AL, United States. Join us every third Friday of every month! We have Open Mic – Poetry Readings, song, music, dance and stories. This event will be held 6PM till 8:30ish and refreshments will be provided.

GALLERY NIGHT: ART & SOUL- Fri 5pm-9pm, Downtown Pensacola. Bring the whole family for 60+ artist vendors, live music, performers, restaurants, food trucks, shopping, and so much more! Worth the drive for sure.

SATURDAY 2/17

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TEA TIME AND TABLESCAPES- Sat. Bragg Mitchell Mansion. 1-3pm. Experience the enchantment of Tea and Tablescapes at the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion during our annual tea fundraiser. Guests are invited to enjoy delicious treats, hot tea, and an informal glimpse at one of Mobile's most iconic homes. Carefully curated table settings await you, each adorned with unique themes, from the cozy charm of a Christmas tableau to the vibrant colors of a Mardi Gras extravaganza. As we look forward to celebrating MMofA's sixtieth anniversary in October 2024, we

SUNDAY 2/18

CHOCOLATE & CHEESE FEST- Sun 10am-6pm, Community Maritime Park, Downtown Pensacola. Check out the vendors and food trucks while sampling cheese and chocolate from the sampling tents. Live Music, Chocolate Martinis, Chocolate Pie Eating Contest, Adult Beverages, bounce house and more!

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 2/23-2/25

FRIDAY 2/23

HISS GOLDEN MESSENGER, COLOR GREEN- Fri 8pm, Soul Kitchen, Downtown Mobile

MOBILE BOAT SHOW - Fri/Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm, Mobile Convention Center. Visit the largest indoor boat show in Alabama! The 2024 show will feature a great selection of boats, motors, personal watercraft, and marine accessories. In addition to a huge selection of boats, there are special events for the whole family to enjoy, like trout pond fishing, Marine Resource touch tables, and Twiggy the Skiing Squirrel.

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FORT MORGAN OYSTER FEST- Sat/Sun 11am-3pm, The Beach Club Resort & Spa, Gulf Shores. It's Happiness on a Half Shell, with food, fun and more at the Annual Fort Morgan Oyster Fest. Participate in the Shucking Contest, win prizes in the first Annual Cornhole Tournament, listen to live music, and eat plenty of oysters all day long.

ORANGE BEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW- Sat 10am-4pm, The Wharf, Orange Beach. Start your engines and bring the whole family out to enjoy arts and crafts vendors, delicious seafood, live music + entertainment stages, as well as dozens of classic and hot rod vehicles to "ooh" and "aah" over. The kiddos will have multiple options for entertainment in the Kid's Zone. All proceeds from this event hosted by the City of Orange Beach will support the Makos Academics Arts & Athletics Club (MAAAC)

and Orange Beach schools. Free admission; \$2 donation for parking.

PENSACON- Fri 1pm-8pm; Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 10am-5pm, Pensacola Bay Center Pensacon is an all-inclusive pop culture convention for the fan community, spanning the genres of comics, anime, sci-fi, horror, gaming, and fantasy. Celebrity guests include Vicki Lawrence (as Mama!), Clint Howard, Ron Perlman, Lou Ferrigno, Barry Bostwick and more! Cosplay encouraged (and yes, there is a costume contest Saturday for adults, Sunday for kids).

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN 3/1-3/3

FRIDAY 3/1

19th Annual TEE OFF FOR A CURE- Fri 6:30 (pre-party); Sat 9am (shotgun start), Lakewood Golf Club, Grand Hotel, Point Clear. Join the swing of things and tee up for a good cause! Sign up for a team and help raise money to support the fight against

pediatric cancer! The 19th annual Tee Off For A Cure event begins with a pajama pre-party Friday night. Teams will have a shotgun start Saturday at 9 a.m.

LEGO NIGHT- LEGO BUILDING COMPETITION- Fri 6pm-8pm, Exploreum Science Center, Downtown Mobile. Designed to spark the creativity of young builders aged 4 to 13, LEGO Night promises an evening packed with excitement, contests and prizes. The theme of this year's competition is Dr. Seuss! The competition will challenge your child with a Dr. Seuss-themed build. Children are welcome to come to the event in their best Dr. Seuss attire, as many schools will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday that day with Dr. Seuss costumes.

JOHN CRIST'S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TOUR- Fri 7pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Almost sold out.

SOULS OF TIME- Fri 7pm, Mobile Civic Center. **SOULS OF TIME**, a musical drama written and composed by Mobilians, is a story that follows a young girl named Jade, residing in Mobile in 2020 before the Pandemic. Living with her emotionally abusive mother and younger brother in the Down the Bay community, Jade struggles with self-acceptance and self-love. Through an unexplained turn of events, she is transported to 1963, living in the body of Mary-Ann Thomas, a 15-year-old girl who lived in the same house 57 years earlier. She experiences firsthand the challenges of Black people in Mobile County during the height of segregation, subsequently learning about herself, her culture, the history of Mobile County and Alabama, and her inner-generational resilience.

SATURDAY 2/24

DIABETES WALK FOR CAMP SEALE HARRIS- Sat 9am-12 noon, Downtown OWA, OWA Parks & Resort, Foley. The event will feature music, food, and fun for everyone!

This event not only raises awareness of Type 1 diabetes but also serves as a fundraising opportunity for Camp Seale Harris's camps for kids with Type-1 Diabetes.

FLOYD NATION- Sat 8pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Floyd Nation is a U.S.-based Pink Floyd Tribute Band that performs all of your favorite hits. You'll be immersed in sound, lights and lasers as they take you on an epic journey, bringing back your best memories of some of the most iconic music ever produced.

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8TH ANNUAL GLOW WALK/FUN RUN – COLORS OF CANCER- Sat 8PM-10 PM. University of South Alabama 307 N University Blvd, Mobile, AL, United States. Join the University of South Alabama for an event that will bring awareness to all cancers whether you have been affected or are participating for a friend, family, or coworker. Show your support and have a great time! Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 5 to 8 p.m. Come as early as 4 p.m. to register
Lee Hardin Standup Comedy-Joe Jefferson Players 11 S Carlen St, Mobile, AL,

United States. Go see the hilarious Lee Hardin! He'll be in Mobile at Joe Jefferson Players Theatre on March 2. He's a clean comedian, so his act can be enjoyed by the

entire family! Buy your tickets by February 13 & they're just \$10 each or 4 for \$15! You

won't want to miss this show!

4th Annual BEERS & BLOOMS FESTIVAL- Sat 12 noon-6pm, Bellingrath Gardens &

Home, Theodore. Bellingrath's Beers & Blooms is an all-day craft beer festival and concert series on the Great Lawn at the heart of the Gardens. Hear great music from local bands and sample a wide variety of craft brews, plus enjoy a variety of food trucks and local vendors, all in the beautiful surroundings of the springtime Gardens.

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SUNDAY 3/3

THE MOBILE CYCLING CLASSIC 5K RUN AND WALK- COMMERCE BLVD
Commerce Blvd. E, Mobile, Alabama, United States. Attention runners! Are you looking for a 5K this spring? The Mobile Cycling Classic is adding a 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 8 a.m. on Commerce Blvd. This is a memorial run in honor of Victor Birch. Pre-registration is \$30 and onsite registration is \$40.

FREE FIRST SUNDAY- Sun 1pm-5pm, History Museum of Mobile, Downtown Mobile. Visit any time from 1 - 5 p.m. and enjoy free admission into the History Museum of Mobile and Colonial Fort Conde.

MOBILE OPERA SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA- Sun 3pm, Bragg Mitchell Mansion, Springhill Avenue, Mobile. Join Mobile Opera for afternoon tea with guest speaker Scott Wright, sharing the story of Madame Rose Palmi-Tenser, the founder of Mobile Opera. Mobile Opera's Young Artists will provide musical entertainment. Hats are encouraged.

SPRING OUTDOOR MARKET AT 5 RIVERS- Sun. 11am-3pm. Nearly 30 artists, crafters, makers, growers, and vendors for you to shop, plus Will-Yums MFU will be our fantastic food unit for the market day. Free admission. SPRING OUTDOOR MARKET AT 5 RIVERS

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 3/8-3/10

*** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins this weekend. SPRING FORWARD, set clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday ***

FRIDAY 3/8

LODA ARTWALK- Fri 6pm-9pm, Lower Dauphin Arts District, Downtown Mobile. COWABUNGA! March LODA ArtWalk is celebrating Ninja Turtles & Culinary

Arts! Stop by the Kids Zone and enjoy Ninja Turtle crafts, music, photo ops and more!

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS- Fri 10am-9pm, Sat/Sun 10am-5pm, Cathedral Square, Downtown Mobile. The Festival of Flowers celebrates its 31st year by proudly showcasing horticultural displays created by the Mobile area's best teams of florists, nurseries, landscapers, designers, and artists. Festival proceeds will help purchase advanced medical equipment for USA Health Providence Hospital.

PCA CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO FOR ROBERTSDALE ROTARY- Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Baldwin County Coliseum, Robertsdale. Hosted by the Robertsdale Rotary Foundation, this two-day spectacular promises heart-pounding entertainment for the entire family. Thrilling Rodeo Events: Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Team Roping, and more! Friday Night will be kids night. All children under the age of 12 get in free.

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SATURDAY 3/9

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY: Sat 9:00am (Langan Park). First come-first served. The City of Mobile will be giving away 500 trees this Saturday, March 9 at Langan Park! The Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will include Crab Apple, Redbud, White Dogwood, American Hornbeam, Red Maple, Persimmon, Tulip-poplar and Scarlet Oak trees
KIDS DAY 2024- Sat 10am-12noon, James Seals Community Center - 540 Texas St. Mobile. Rev your engines and get ready to burn rubber! Bring your Power Wheels for the race of a lifetime. Enjoy music, bounce houses, giveaway items, and some power wheel racing fun! And...

MYSTERY POP-UP EVENT: CAR SHOW- Sat 1pm-4pm, James Seals Community Center - 540 Texas St. Mobile. The City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Department March Mystery Pop-Up Event is hosting a car show. With a stunning collection of cars, music, shopping, bounce houses, face painters, and much more, you don't want to miss this free, family-friendly event!

ORANGE BEACH FESTIVAL OF ART- Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm, Coastal Arts Center, Orange Beach. This is the 50th annual festival; it's a celebration of visual, performing, musical and culinary arts. You'll find 100 truly fine artists and specialty high quality vendors along with coastal cuisine, marvelous music and a top notch Kids Art Alley!

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MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: STRINGS ATTACHED- Sat 7:30pm, Sun

2:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Vibrant young violinist Simone Porter wows us with Mendelssohn's showstopping Concerto. It starts with Arvo Pärt's humorous If Bach Had Raised Bees and concludes with Schumann's Symphony No. 3.

PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS VELOCITY TOUR- Sat 7pm, Mobile Civic Center. The

PBR's Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour (PWVT) began in 2014 as the premier expansion tour for the PBR. The Velocity Tour, the sport's fastest-growing tour, brings the excitement and top-levels of cowboy and bovine talent that fans have come to expect from the sport to cities across the United States.

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CRAWFISH FOR THE CLASSROOM- Sat 4pm-7pm, Daphne City Hall. Join SEEDS for the 2nd Crawfish for the Classroom event, supporting the SEEDS Teacher Grant Program in Daphne Schools! Festivities include Crawfish from MudBug Mafia, live music from The Symone French Trio, children's activities and local brews from Fairhope Brewing Company!

BBQ & Blues Cook-off- Sat/Sun. Foley. The beginning of this year's festivities has been pushed back to Saturday because of Friday's potential for severe weather. The new schedule will begin Saturday at 5pm and go until 9pm and Sunday from 10am until 4pm. The event, hosted by the Alabama Barbecue Association Trail and Kansas City Barbeque Society, raises money for local teachers and students.

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SUNDAY 3/3

CITY OF DAPHNE SUNDAY SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: MOBILE BIG BAND SOCIETY- Sun 5:30pm-7pm, Bayfront Park, Daphne. We are honored to host the first

concert of the season as a tribute to the late Catt Sirten, who brought so much joy to our community through his passion for music and community events. Bring your chairs, blankets, and friends to enjoy the soulful tunes of Mobile Big Band Society as we celebrate Catt's legacy and the spirit of music that unites us all!

MRS ROPER ROMP- Sun Noon - 6pm, Downtown Mobile. A fun even where people dress like Mrs. Roper from Three's Company and do a Pub Crawl downtown. Benefitting animal rescue and shelters, we invite all Helen's to the Northern Gulf Coast for brunch, pub crawl, friendships old and new, and kaftan fashion! Brunch will begin at noon, and then participants will pub crawl on the historic Dauphin Street where they will snap an epic group

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 3/15-3/17

FRIDAY 3/15

GULF COAST FITNESS PALOOZA- Fri/Sat. Join MPRD in the heart of downtown Mobile as they promote and celebrate healthy lifestyles at their inaugural fitness festival. Friday, March 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mardi Gras Park. It's the ultimate fitness party showcasing a variety of fitness disciplines, including step aerobics, yoga, running, Zumba, Kid's Zone, CrossFit, strongman, powerlifting, duathlon, and more!

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SATURDAY 3/16

SPRING FEVER CHASE- Sat 8am, Fairhope (near the Pier). Join Thomas Hospital and Wells Fargo for the 46th Annual Spring Fever Chase, a 10K and 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk that winds through beautiful downtown Fairhope overlooking Mobile Bay. Proceeds benefit Baldwin County schools.

72nd Annual FAIRHOPE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL- Fri/Sat/Sun 10am-5pm, Downtown Fairhope. Hundreds of artists from all over the nation (and Canada) are participating in this year's show! The festival entertainment stage features local and regional talent. There's also a children's art tent and lots of food vendors. (Shuttle service will run all three days from the Piggly Wiggly parking lot on the corner of Hwy. 98 and Fairhope Avenue. The cost is \$5 round trip and will run from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm)

52nd Annual ESAC OUTDOOR ART SHOW- Fri/Sat/Sun 10am-5pm, Eastern Shore Art Center, Fairhope. The art show has included prestigious, international and regional fine artists for the past 51 years. FREE admission for visitors!

TOUCH A TRUCK - Sat 10am-2pm, The Grounds, West Mobile. TOUCH A TRUCK is a family friendly event that offers children (& adults too) a hands-on opportunity to explore a variety of trucks & meet the people who build, protect & serve our community. Children will be allowed to climb aboard and ask questions about their favorite trucks in a safe environment. This event supports Rapahope and Adoption Rocks! Admission:

\$20 CASH per vehicle AT THE EVENT. There are no online tickets available

O'DALY'S GREEN DRESS RUN- Sat 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The Green Dress Run benefits Aubreigh's Army of Mobile! Organized by O'Daly's Irish Pub. Aubreigh's Army Foundation 328 is committed to providing funding to help find a Cure for DIPG and to help newly diagnosed families indirectly with travel expenses, hospital stays, bills, or wherever our help is needed.

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SUNDAY 3/17

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - Sat 11am, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Downtown Mobile. The Friendly Sons of St Patrick walking parade begins at the Cathedral after Mass (around 11). It ends at Mobile Government Plaza.

78th Annual ST PATRICK'S DAY STREET PARTY- Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-6pm, Callaghan's Irish Social Club, Mobile. For the second year straight, Callaghan's is throwing down with a back-to-back TWO DAY St. Patrick's Day Street Party! It's two full

days of live music, leprechauns, green beer and dancing!

“GO IRISH ON THE ISLAND” ST PADDY'S DAY PUB CRAWL- Sun 9am-7pm, Pensacola Beach. The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce invites one and all to dress in green and join in on the revelry and fun by crawling along Pensacola Beach and supporting beach businesses. 17 participating Pensacola Beach bars, restaurants, and hotels are offering up a pot of gold filled with Irish drink specials, live music, and mischievous fun.

STEVE HACKETT- Genesis Revisited - Foxtrot At 50 + Hackett Highlights - Sun 7pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN 3/22-3/24

THURSDAY 3/21

WATERWAY VILLAGE CONCERT SERIES: Jamell Richardson and Joslyn & The

Sweer Compression- Thurs 5:30pm, East 24th Avenue, Gulf Shores. The City of Gulf Shores is thrilled to announce the Waterway Village Series, a FREE six concert series taking place this spring at East 24th Avenue. Residents and guests are invited to come out and enjoy live music every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., beginning March 7 and continuing through April 11. Food trucks will be onsite at each event, and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will be selling beverages for all ages to enjoy.

BEST OF THE BAY- Thurs 6pm-8pm, Daphne Civic Center. Daphne Spanish-Fort Kiwanis hosts the much-anticipated culinary event of the year – Best of the Bay 2024. This event brings together the best chefs in Baldwin County for a thrilling cook-off, while raising funds for the children of the community.

FRIDAY 3/22

MOBILE OPERA presents **RIGOLETTO-** Fri 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, The Temple, Downtown Mobile. Rigoletto tries vainly to preserve the protective world of his daughter, Gilda, while he himself lives in the reality of the licentious court of the Duke of Mantua. His worlds collide when the Duke seduces the innocent Gilda. Rigoletto plots vengeance but love and sacrifice in the face of immorality turns the curse around to consume the avenger. Verdi's darkly dramatic masterpiece is stunning in its pathos.

SATURDAY 3/23

AZALEA TRAIL RUN- Sat 7:45am-10:30am, Mardi Gras Park, Downtown Mobile. The Azalea Trail Run celebrates 46 years of running the streets of Mobile at its blooming best! The Azalea Trail Run offers 10K and 5K race courses, plus a 2K Fun Run/Walk. All races start and finish in downtown Mobile. Our own Matt Mc Coy will be the MC kicking off the race.

USS ALABAMA LIVING HISTORY CREW DRILL- Sat 8am-3pm, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. Historical reenactors, dressed in WWII period Navy uniforms, will be aboard the USS ALABAMA and USS DRUM demonstrating what life aboard ship

was like during wartime. The big event of the day happens at 1:00 p.m. when "Call to Battle Stations" is sounded. Grab a spot on the bow of the USS ALABAMA and watch as enemy aircraft fly over and attack the ship.

DOWNTOWN CAJUN COOK-OFF- Sat 10am-2pm, Cathedral Square, Downtown Mobile. Attendees can sample favorite Cajun dishes prepared by teams from local restaurants and bars. FOX10's own Chief Meteorologist Jason Smith serves as honorary chairman on the event while local food enthusiasts and chefs serve as judges. The event supports the Child Advocacy Center. Stop by the ZEW tent & get registered

for tickets to some of the upcoming shows at The Saenger Theater & Soul Kitchen.

MOBILE BALLET presents **SLEEPING BEAUTY-** Sat 7pm, Sun 2pm, Mobile Civic Center Theater. Tchaikovsky's glorious score and a cast of fantastical characters will captivate audiences, in this new adaptation. The Saturday night performance will

feature the Mobile Ballet Orchestra playing the iconic score live, led by conductor David Ott.

BELLINGRATH GARDENS EASTER EGG HUNT- Sat 9am-12noon, Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore. It's time to hunt for Easter Eggs at Bellingrath! Little ones aged 0-3 years and those with special needs have their dedicated session from 9 to 10:30 AM, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience. Ages 4-6 follow at 10 AM, and Ages 7+ at 10:15 AM. The Easter Bunny will be there for visits and roaming photos throughout the event, plus crafts, corn hole and more! There's also breakfast available.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT THE EXPLOREUM- Sat 10am-2pm, Exploreum Science Center, Downtown Mobile. Easter egg hunt starts promptly at 10:30, so make sure you get here on time and are ready to hunt! Following the egg hunt are several EGG-citing STEM demonstrations in our labs like Egg in a Bottle and Liquid Nitrogen Egg Smash.

PETE DAVIDSON- Sat 7pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre

RUBBER DUCKY REGATTA- Sat 11am-4pm, Lake OWA, OWA Parks & Resort, Foley. Watch out for the big splash when thousands of "adopted" rubber duckies are dropped into the lake at OWA Parks & Resorts where they will race to the finish line during Rubber Ducky Regatta, 100% of the benefits go to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile. The first three ducks to cross the finish line will win some fabulous prizes for their owners! Adopt your ducks today!!

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SUNDAY 3/24

GET THE LED OUT: A CELEBRATION OF "THE MIGHTY ZEP"- Sun 8pm, Mobile

WEEKEND RUNDOWN 3/29-3/31

EASTER ACTIVITIES

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the **BATTLESHIP-** Sun 6:30am, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile. Join us for our annual Easter Sunrise Service presented by Government Street Baptist Church. The service is held on the grounds in front of the USS ALABAMA. Seating is limited so bring a chair, just in case. The service is free of charge and open to the public.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the **FAIRHOPE PIER-** Sun 6:30am, Fairhope

Municipal Pier. Pastor Robert Seaborn from First Baptist Fairhope will deliver a message and Greg Engell and Abigail Anderson from the University of Mobile will lead the music. Please bring a lawn chair.

EASTER EGG HUNT at the WHARF- Sat 11am, The Wharf, Orange Beach. Marina Lawn will be speckled with more than 5,000 colorful eggs for youngsters to claim including several golden eggs! A wide variety of free kids' activities will be offered onsite, including bouncy houses and giant coloring sheets. Pony rides + face painting will be available for \$10 each. Presented by The Island Church.

SPRING FLING 2024- Sat 10am-2pm, Dotch Community Center, Trinity Gardens Park, Mobile. Hop on over to Mobile Parks & Recreation's free annual Spring Fling event! The first Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. At this year's Spring Fling, you will also find Easter Bunny photo opportunities, face painting, petting zoo, games & activities, inflatable bounce houses and more!

BUNNY BOLT 5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN- Sat 8am-12noon, Mobile Infirmary. Grab your friends and family and hop on over to the Infirmary Health Bunny Bolt Saturday on the campus of Mobile Infirmary. This is a family friendly event with a 5K run, 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk and post-race festivities with food, music, an Easter Egg Hunt, and photos with the Bunny,

THE REST OF THE WEEKEND

ELBERTA GERMAN SAUSAGE FESTIVAL- Sat 8am-5pm, Elberta Town Square. Firefighters are cooking up 6,000 pounds of German Sausage, plus there will be German style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, and more, plus over 200 arts & crafts booths. Carnival rides, polka, country, contemporary and German music will also be provided for entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department and other local non-profit organizations.

DECADES LOOKING BACK 1920-1939- Fri -Sun. Mobile History Museum. 10Am-5pm, As we look forward to celebrating MMofA's sixtieth anniversary in October 2024, we are launching an innovative series of exhibitions that will immerse our members and visitors in the art, history, and innovations of the decades leading up to the sixties. The exhibition features artists such as Lamar Baker, Saul Berman, Fred Emanuel Shane, and Grant Wood along with historic dresses and accessories from the History Museum of Mobile's collection.

CUBA THE EXHIBIT! - Exploreum Science Center. Fri & Sat 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Recurring daily now until July 27. The Exploreum will offer visitors fresh insights into this island nation just 94 miles from Florida's shores. With a close look at Cuba's unique natural history, including its native species, highly diverse ecosystems, and geology, ¡Cuba! also explores Cuba's history, traditions, and contemporary Cuban voices to inspire novel perspectives on this dynamic country. Organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York.