

**WZEW, WNXP, WZEW HD 2 (96.5 The Crab) &  
WZEW HD 3 (92.5 The Soul) ISSUES and  
PROGRAMMING TO ADDRESS THOSE  
ISSUES, 2nd Quarter, 2023**

The following are the issues of public importance identified by radio station WZEW-FM and WNXP-FM in the 2nd Quarter of 2023 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 elimination of homelessness within the Mobile/Fairhope area.
- 4) The need for volunteer action to support programs and services for non-profit agencies within the service area.
- 5) Support for, and education about, the arts and the role they play in our community.

WZEW-FM and WNXP-FM offer extended airtime to legitimate public service groups through our liberal offering of airtime to legitimate public service groups. Included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were American Red Cross, Child Advocacy Center, the Lagniappe, Mobile Arts Council, Mobile Bay Keeper, The Mobile Public Library, The Joe Jefferson Playhouse and the Providence Hospital Foundation. All the PSA's that aired on WZEW-FM and WNXP are listed under separate cover in the public file.

- 6) Supporting Earth Day and energy conservation.

## **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.

## **Downtown Cajun Cookoff**

WZEW-FM promoted, gave tickets away and had a booth set up at the 7th Annual Cajun Cookoff, which directly benefited The Child Advocacy Center. The following email was sent by the Director of Communications thanking WZEW:

Thank you so much being a sponsor of the Downtown Cajun Cook off, we value our partnership with you in our community! You helped raise over \$64,100 net proceeds to help fund free services at the Child Advocacy Center for abused children.

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## **Housing First**

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM once again promoted and sponsored "Project Homeless Connect" and "Point in Time Count of the Homeless," events held by and benefiting Housing First, an organization dedicated to preventing, addressing and ending homelessness by developing resources and assets.

## **Providence Hospital Foundation**

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM sponsored and promoted the "Festival of Flowers" that was held March 23rd-26th back on campus of Providence Hospital. The weekend long event featured local art, "Buds & Brews" (a beer tasting event) and child-focused events. It benefitted the Providence Hospital Foundation, who assists Providence Hospital in providing healthcare.

## **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 Arts Council, Loda Art Walk/Arts Alive!, The Fairhope First Friday Artwalk, Mobile Opera & Symphony and many others.

## **Earth Day 2023**

WZEW-FM teamed up with Drive Electric Alabama and local Earth Day organizers to be on location and broadcast live to promote the Earth Day displays and electric car show across from Langan Park April 22 in West Mobile. Various booths were set up promoting conservation, energy saving products and practices, and various examples of electric vehicles as an alternative to fossil fuel transportation.

## **92 ZEW's Community Round Table & 251 NOW**

WZEW-FM and WNSP-FM air the show "Community Round Table" ( 7:00AM-7:30 AM) along with "251 Now" (7:30 AM- 8:00AM) on Sunday mornings. "Community Round Table" and "251 Now" are local issues discussion shows hosted by Dotcom Communications News Director, Kelly Finley.. On the show, Kelly interviews community leaders and citizens of Mobile, Fairhope and the surrounding area to find out what the issues affecting the community are and what solutions exist. The two programs also focus on new medicines and cures and procedures for handling Covid-19 as well as suggestions and tips on how to live a healthier lifestyle.

The following report shows the guests, topics, and contact information of those interviewed during the second quarter programs.

# COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE/251 NOW SHOWS:

Week of April 2nd:

**Community Roundtable: Monique Baugh  
Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF)  
Director of Programs**

MAEF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving our local public schools. In partnership with the school district and business and civic leaders across Mobile County, we are increasing the chances that students will graduate ready for college and careers.

1. The first annual I-Lead Youth Summit will take place on Wednesday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Mobile Convention Center. The "I Lead" Summit will convene a diverse group of youth from area public and private high schools to identify strengths, challenges and opportunities for their physical, emotional and social success to increase student educational outcomes and promote career readiness in Mobile County.
2. The perspectives from these youth will guide breakout group discussions on education, workforce development, youth violence and recreational opportunities.
3. This student-driven initiative will equip attendees to lead by carrying on the foundation of work established at the summit, through citizen-wide, broader public engagement across Mobile County.

**251 NOW With Kelly Finley: Alexandra Roussos Theris, Founder/Owner  
Ashley McLean, teacher  
BLOOM Play Studio**

BLOOM Play Studio is a children's indoor play space that encourages creativity, curiosity and independence through cooking and STEM classes, sensory and messy play experiences and community-based learning events.

- 1-the role of BLOOM as a community space for children's enrichment programs and the need for varying types of learning experiences to best support human development.
  - 2-giving back to the community, helping to shape a family centered neighborhood and setting a positive example for our community's children
  - 4-Our upcoming Earth Day event: we will be hosting a community charity event Friday April 21-Sunday April 23rd. We are working with local businesses and nurseries to create our first annual "Plant a Dream" event. In addition to community gardening and planting (every family gets to take home a plant) our community event will include cooking lessons, sensory and messy play activities, a DIY tie-dye tshirt station. Proceeds go to support a day of play for Lifeline Children's Service's families of adoptive children in the Mobile area.
- Vance Lane, who is a Director of community relations for CBS. He will talk about how to get more involved in helping our local community and others in general.

**Week of APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**The Community Round Table :Derek Boulware, CEO of Housing First  
Captain Trey Jones, Area Commander for  
Coastal Alabama Salvation Army**

Housing First, Inc. has pledged \$300,000 (\$100,000/year for three years) to support Family Haven, The Salvation Army's shelter in Mobile that provides a safe, stable environment for homeless families including wrap-around services directed toward helping them obtain jobs and maintain permanent housing. Since 2014, Housing First, Inc. and The Salvation Army of Coastal Alabama have partnered to serve the homeless in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Housing First, Inc. serves as the lead agency for the Mobile area's Continuum of Care (CoC), implementation of the Coordinated Entry program (which oversees the client intake process), and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a centralized database that helps partner agencies share data and coordinate services for the homeless population. This represents the first time that Housing First, Inc. has provided monetary support to benefit The Salvation Army's programs.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: ToodleBoys Sports  
Shadrick Toodle Owner**

The company was inspired by his 3 sons: Shadrick Jr., Shadarius and Shamar Toodle. All 3 boys fell in love with sports at young ages. Their love of sports lead Shadrick Sr. to come up with an idea of how he could represent for his boys in anything they participated in whether it be basketball, football or track. We always wanted to show love or represent for our kids in the highest form. ToodleBoys Sports is a locally owned company in which he started out of the trunk of my car in 2015, going from park to park making sure parents had their necessary gear to represent their kids. 8 years later we are in just about every school in Mobile and Baldwin County and at the Flea Market every Saturday and Sunday. They want people everywhere to represent for their kids and their favorite sports team with pride and joy.

**WEEK OF APRIL 16:**

**Community Roundtable: Jillian Bowers  
All of us Research Program.**

Jillian promoted getting more people in their portal for research and information that they have updated and made available for the general public. The program is a biomedical program laser-focused on understanding how our unique differences genetically, environmentally, and behaviorally play a role in improving health research and medical breakthroughs in our overall health.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley- Candace Taylor, Executive Director  
Social Worker Supervisor, and Kimberly  
McKeand, Director of Digital Media  
& Communications AIDS Alabama South**

AIDS Alabama South has a professional staff with diverse backgrounds and experiences, all dedicated to building and strengthening our community about HIV and AIDS. Information for those positive with HIV within the community especially African- Americans and those in the trans gender community. There will also be a Children's Cup Regatta Race May 7<sup>th</sup>, which will raise money for Children's of Alabama.

**Week of APRIL 23:**

**The Community Round Table: Kalla Etheredge,  
Co-Founder of Community Action Organizers.**

Kalla discussed Community Activism, the upcoming county wide Peace Walk, the importance of getting involved in your community. She is also a veteran, a mom, a survivor and college student.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Monde Donaldson, Better Business Bureau  
Fraud Summit for the City of Saraland**

Monde promoted the upcoming event May 12 at the Saraland Civic Center. Topics included: Medicare Scams, Top Scams in Mobile County, Precious Metals Scams, Cryptocurrency and much more. Cryptocurrency: a BBB study finds lack of regulation and consumer education equals major increase in fraud and financial loss In 2021, the number of complaints that involved cryptocurrency doubled from the previous, with financial losses nearly hitting the \$8 million mark, which is only a drop in the bucket of losses, as the vast majority of them are not reported. To report a scam or register a complaint, you can visit the following locations:

- Better Business Bureau: [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker)
- Federal Trade Commission: [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov)
- Internet Crime Complaint Center: [ic3.gov/complaint](https://ic3.gov/complaint)

**WEEK OF APRIL 30 :**

**Community Roundtable: Maggie Lacey. Executive  
Editor of Mobile Bay**

Mobile Bay Magazine recently announced the winners of the fourth annual Watershed Awards . This annual award recognizes local environmental guardians, and nine stewards of coastal Alabama's unique ecosystem were named: Brian Jones, Frankie Little, Anna Keene Miller, Nicole Love, Carol Adams- Davis, "Friends in Low Places" (a beer created by Fairhope Brewing Co. to benefit the Alabama Coastal Foundation), Troy Ephriam, Judy Haner and Mollie Hays Robinson.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley- Jenni and Delaney Zimlich,**

## Founders of Krewe of Kindness

Their mission: to promote compassion, education and awareness toward the needs of the mobility impaired, so that all can thrive through acceptance, participation and joy. Inviting you to the 4th Annual Mardi Gras fundraising gala, presented by The Mapp Family Foundation, May 6th at the Battle House from 6-10 pm- this event helps us raise the funds to support our adaptive athletes, purchase duo chairs for our new assisted racer program, purchase adaptive bikes to donate to schools in our community, fund a marine science program for special needs at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab this year and to purchase supplies for our sewing project with patients and families at USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital.

### **WEEK OF MAY 7th, 2023:**

**Community Roundtable: Karlos Finley, President of the Board of Directors  
Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail**

Mission: To educate, preserve and mark historic contributions by African Americans in the city of Mobile.

**Clint Jameson**, Adventure Earth Bicycles, Bicycle advocate & educator  
Mission: To put butts on Bicycles!

Friday, May 19th 6:00 PM– Annual Griot Award Gala The DFFAAHT will honor the Excelsior Band on its 140th year anniversary. This year we are resuming the Annual Griot Award Gala post Covid Restrictions. We will convene in the Atrium of the Mobile Government Plaza. (Ticket information: [www.dffaaht.org](http://www.dffaaht.org))

Saturday, May 20th 2:00 PM– The "Preview" of Historic Franklin House Gallery The DFFAAHT is tremendously proud to be unveiling the newly renovated home of Dr. and Mrs. James Alexander Franklin. The house has been renovated to its original grandeur and now bears the shield and banner of the Mobile Historic Preservation Society. It is also adorned by plaques presented to the DFFAAHT by Alabama's Bicentennial Fort to Port initiative and the UNESCO Slave Route. The house features historic photographs of the Franklin-Finley family, cultural heritage art and pictures of dignitaries who stayed at the house during the Jim Crow era. The home will serve as an event center as well for gatherings of a maximum attendance of 100.

Sunday, May 21st 2:00 PM Annual Underground Railroad Bike Tour The DFFAAHT will hold its inaugural annual Bike tour partnering with Adventure Earth, Heart of Mary School, Visit Mobile with state grant sponsorships by Sen. Vivian Davis and Rep. Barbara Drummond. We will give an abbreviated cycle tour of the DFFAAHT and then celebrate the heritage, contributions and bravery of those who were able to escape slavery to freedom. The DFFAAHT Wallace Turnage marker which holds the distinction of being the first marker in Alabama to receive membership status on the National Parks Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom will be celebrated specifically as he is the only slave known to have escaped by traveling south instead of north.

**251 NOW With Kelly Finley- Mary H. Van Brunt, PhD,  
39th President of Spring Hill College**

Founded in 1830, Spring Hill College is the oldest Catholic college in the Southeast and the third oldest Jesuit college in the United States. Spring Hill combines the Jesuit tradition of excellence in education and a commitment to caring for the whole person – mind, body, and spirit – with innovative educational experiences. Located in Mobile, Ala., Spring Hill's mission is to form leaders engaged in learning, faith, justice and service for life. As a result, Spring Hill students are engaged, inspired and transformed by their experiences. Learn more at [shc.edu](http://shc.edu). We discussed: Spring Hill College is one of the most affordable, private colleges in the country. We award over \$8 million in scholarships and grants and 100% of our students receive some type of financial aid or scholarship assistance.

We provide an affordable, quality education: our degree programs are second to none and continue to achieve high rankings with Forbes; US News and World Report, Careers.com; Niche.com - just to name a few. Our nursing program has been ranked #1 in the state for the past two years for our RN/BSN programs. Our online degree masters and bachelors degree programs have been ranked best in the nation by US News and World Report and payscale.com ranked us the Best University of the Gulf Coast for a Bachelor's degree.

We were recently awarded a \$35 million appropriation which will be used to develop a state-of-the-art Nursing and Health Sciences building. Our nursing program continues to be ranked #1 in the state and we want to expand the opportunity for other health sciences disciplines in an effort to address the shortage of healthcare workers and healthcare disparities in our community.

**WEEK OF MAY 21st, 2023:**

**The Community Round Table: Gail Kouame Director of the Biomedical Library at University of South Alabama  
Daryn Glassbrook, Executive Director of the Mobile Medical Museum.**

The Biomedical Library was selected as a host site for a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine titled "Opening Doors: Contemporary African-American Surgeons" which will be on display at the library May 8th - June 17th. In partnership with Daryn Glassbrook at the Mobile Medical Museum, we've organized several programs including a panel presentation about Mobile-Based African-American physicians as well as the impact of local and regional African-American surgeons. The panel is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 3:30pm at the Biomedical Library followed by a reception.

Other associated events include tours of the Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail on Friday, May 19th and Saturday June 3rd - both at 10am. Also a virtual book discussion and live Q & A with Dr. Thomas Ward, Jr, author of "Black Physicians in the Jim Crow South" and a screening of the movie "Gifted Hands" about Dr. Ben Carson.



All of these events are open to members of the public and are not limited to members of the University of South Alabama community

The mission of the USA Libraries is to connect students, faculty and others with the information resources and services they need to improve their academic success and research. The Biomedical Library in particular serves the health sciences disciplines: Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health, as well as the USA hospitals and clinics and the Mitchell Cancer Institute.

The Mobile Medical Museum preserves and exhibits medical artifacts and archives to commemorate Mobile's prominent place in the history of medical education and public health in the state of Alabama and the Gulf Coast. The Museum's collections and exhibitions provide the public with a broad understanding of the evolution of the art and science of health care.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Coach Morgan Crawford, Program Director  
The Next Level Moxie League**

The Moxie League serves as a mentorship bridge between middle and high school female student-athletes and the veteran athletes that are playing in the league. The goal is to give the younger athletes direct access to women who are in spaces or have previously been in spaces that they desire to be in, on and off the court. Genesis of The Moxie League . Purpose of the Women's Basketball League. Structure of the league.

**WEEK OF MAY 28th , 2023:**

**The Community Round Table: Darlene Martin/ C.E.O./ Utopian Legacy CDC  
Sharoll Mitchell, president**

We discuss: The mission: Our group is used to foster a community of well-informed young people who are willing to share their newfound knowledge with their peers. UL's Youth Enrichment Program "Lead One, Teach One" Our challenge and opportunities The future of the group as we see it Life lessons and educational topics to curb gun violence.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Joseph Metz, ALAMAP Success Coach Coastal  
Alabama Community College's Workforce  
Development Vice President of Mobile Area  
Jewish Federation**

We discuss: Apprenticeships at Coastal Alabama/Coastal Alabama Community College Mobile Area Jewish Federation The mission of Coastal Alabama Community College: To invest in the success of all students, provides excellence in teaching and learning, and advances community development.

About The Mobile Area Jewish Federation:

MAJF is a non-profit, charitable organization rooted in traditional Jewish values of justice, repairing the world, acts of loving-kindness and Jewish peoplehood. We are committed and exist to serve the Mobile Area, Baldwin County, Israel, and the world in support of these values for today, tomorrow, and the future of our people.

**WEEK OF JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> , 2023:**

**The Community Round Table: Danielle Miller/Employment Coordinator for  
University of South Alabama's PASSAGE  
USA program. Katie Brooks/Life Skills  
Director PASSAGE USA**

Preparing All Students Socially and Academically for Gainful Employment is a postsecondary, non-degree, certificate program. This program is designed for students with Intellectual Disabilities who need extra supports to be successful in our community. We host two camps for individuals with intellectual disabilities; one for people ages 19-27 and the other for ages 16-18. It is called PEP Camp (Postsecondary Education Preview Camp) and it is attended by individuals who may be interested in enrolling in a program like PASSAGE USA.

Campers will be assigned a private room in a USA residential hall and eat in on-campus cafeterias. At least one male chaperone and one female chaperone per 5 campers will be provided in the residential halls, including direct overnight supervision. Campers will also participate in mini classes and receive an individualized plan detailing the skills to enhance their postsecondary education readiness, independent living, and employment skills.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Joan Kellis, Foundation Director of Anchor  
Cross Cancer Foundation  
Mary Kathryn McMillon, Board of Directors of  
Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation and Chairman  
of Masquerade Ball**

The ACCF Mission:

To provide financial assistance to cancer patients in South Alabama – regardless of diagnosis, prognosis or where they receive treatment.

We discuss: Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation's 4th Annual Masquerade Ball Saturday, June 10th – Daphne Civic Center – 6-10pm. Open to the public.

Tickets on sale now \$75 each. Event will feature live music from Mr. Big & The Rhythm Sisters; an evening of dancing, dinner, and drinks (buffet dinner, open bar) Also features a silent auction and an always-entertaining live auction.

Cancer patients are VIP guests and receive a free ticket into event. Presented by Cart Dr. – they are donating a brand new golf cart to auction! Fundraising event for a local nonprofit that provides financial assistance to local cancer patients in need regardless of diagnosis, prognosis or where they receive treatment. Unlike national organizations we can ensure your donation stays in our community.

100% of funds raised from donations and local fundraisers go to patient assistance, benefitting cancer patients across the Gulf Coast. Last year ACCF awarded 363 patient grants totaling over \$134,000 Examples of financial assistance: utility bills, groceries, copays, prescriptions, medicine/medical supplies, housings, transportation

**WEEK OF JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> , 2023:**

**The Community Round Table: Lister Portis, President of our Business**

**Organization, The Africatown Business and Community Panel (AB&CP). He is also on Board of Directors for the Africatown the Community Development Corporation and he is the Exalted Ruler of The Elks Lodge Angela Jones, Program Director, Administrator for the Africatown Community Development Corporation (ACDC).**

The Africatown Bridge Challenge 5K and 1 mile Fun Run/walk is the ACDC's biggest and most popular fundraiser of the year.

The date of the Fun Run/Walk is Saturday, June 17, 2023. Registration and packet pick up will be at 6:00am - 7:25am.

The location of the run will be at the Farmers Market location at 645 Shelby Street in Plateau. This fundraiser event welcomes runners/walkers and history lovers, young and old of all abilities! Here's a chance to navigate through the historic Africatown then over look the breath taking views from the Africatown Cochran Bridge.

This years logo for the Africatown Bridge Challenge is a picture of this beautiful water way and how the water ways that connect us as a people. It displays the unity that we share with our faithful business partners and the picture of the American flag and the African Flag shows our connection and unity to our sister city Benine, Africa. The logo also reads on the t Shirt, "TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS" This will be our 4th Annual Fun RUN/Walk.

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Suntrease Williams-Maynard, The Maynard 4 Foundation, President/CEO, Kendra Jordan, 2022 Teen Miss Juneteenth**

Our mission statement is: The Maynard 4 Foundation is a national organization extending various resources in the interest of furthering education, health equity, culture, and social justice. We also seek to serve as a champion for those of all backgrounds who are in need within these United States, so that they may thoroughly and equally share in the American dream. The Maynard 4 Foundation also announces its first official "GOT A.I.R.?" campaign to help generate revenue towards its Social Justice focus area. This campaign is a double entendre.

We discuss:

The upcoming 2023 Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageantry Program, which includes 3 events that are open to the public as listed on our flier. Tickets should be purchased by June 15th. We want to make sure the audience knows this is a national program that is home to Mobile. Both titles are national titles and are trademarked and registered.

Kendra discusses her reign and what she has been able to take from the program this past year.

**WEEK OF JUNE 18th , 2023**

**The Community Round Table: Kimberly McKeand/Director of Digital**

**Outreach & Communications, AIDS Alabama  
South Secretary for Mobile Human Relations  
Commission PRIDE  
Torri Peyton/ Enroll Lead Navigator / Enroll  
Alabama /AALS**

Celebrating PRIDE Month, learning more about AIDS Alabama South & Juneteenth Health! AIDS Alabama South provides essential life-sustaining services, case management, social service support groups, assistance, and free HIV testing. PrEP treatment is available if you have tested negative for HIV.

Clients who come to AIDS Alabama South for testing or care are treated with dignity, respect and, above all, compassion. We help anyone in need of care, and we do not discriminate. Our team of professionals and our supporters in the community are passionate about health equity and believe everyone deserves high-quality healthcare. Statewide anti-LGBTQ laws in Alabama and Who we are / what we do here at Enroll Alabama. What the Juneteenth Health is and why it is important?

**251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Kevin Cooper/ Financial Well-being Coach/  
Operation HOPE**

Our purpose – to reimagine the global economy so the benefits and opportunities of free enterprise are extended to everyone.

The Mission: Since 1992, Operation HOPE has been moving America from civil rights to “silver rights” with the mission of making free enterprise and capitalism work for the underserved—disrupting poverty for millions of low and moderate-income youth and adults across the nation.

Through its community uplift model, HOPE Inside, which received the 2016 “Innovator of the Year” recognition by American Banker magazine, Operation HOPE has served millions of individuals and directed billions in economic activity into disenfranchised communities—turning check-cashing customers into banking customers, renters into homeowners, small business dreamers into small business owners, minimum wage workers into living wage consumers, and uncertain disaster victims into financially empowered disaster survivors.

Operationhope.org has all general information and workshops.

Economic inequality, financial illiteracy, social injustice, inequitable access to capital and lack of financial dignity are real and systemic issues that have hindered the economic growth and opportunity for under-served individuals and small businesses for over 400 years in America.

A national initiative to embed financial literacy into American culture, led by a prominent group of leaders from the business, sports, entertainment and nonprofit sectors. This 10-year initiative will reach millions of youth and working adults by making financial literacy fun, engaging them where they live, work and celebrate.

The 1 Million Black Businesses initiative (1MBB) provides the black community a successful path to wealth creation through sustainable and profitable business

ownership. 1MBB participants can take advantage of coaching and educational services, access to expert volunteers and more.

We accomplish this through a series of carefully curated thought leadership events, digital engagement, research and writings, and public policy.

### **WEEK OF JUNE 25th , 2023**

#### **Community Roundtable: Meet Miss Baldwin County Bri Burrell as she preps for Miss Alabama and Miss America!**

We discuss how to empower great women for the world, prepare the world for great women (service, scholarship, sisterhood, and style) The preparation towards Miss Alabama.

- community service initiative: SAVE-A-STEM
- benefits of Miss America Org for prospective candidates

#### **251 NOW with Kelly Finley: Dexter Sutton/Executive Director**

##### **Hope Boxing Academy**

We discuss:

1 Celebrate Juneteenth and discover Hope Boxing Academy, a non-profit supporting youth. HBA is hosting an open house on June 17th at 11 a.m. to showcase how their training builds confidence, discipline, and work ethic to succeed in life. Bring middle and high school students to learn more.

2 At the academy, we are committed to helping and encouraging people to succeed in their personal and academic endeavors. We sincerely appreciate the kind support of our sponsors, including MGen J. Gary Cooper and the Cooper Foundation, the Hardgrove Foundation, the J.L Bedsole Foundation, and other corporations and individuals who share our vision. By empowering and inspiring these young individuals, who represent the future of our society, we acknowledge the immense value of mentorship and a supportive community in shaping a person's life.

3 We want to partner with Mobile County schools to offer our leadership and tutoring program to students aged 8-18. We'll work with Guidance Counselors and teachers to identify at-risk students and require a 2.0 GPA and consistent attendance to participate.

4 Alabama's education standards are ranked 44th, and high school dropouts in Mobile are a pressing issue that negatively impacts students and the education system.

## **92 ZEW's WEEKEND RUNDOWN**

WZEW-FM compiles a list of community events each week, usually Starting on Wednesday or Thursday of that week, detailing

most of the big events for the community. This list is then given to the air staff which do live reads on air promoting the weekends biggest events.

## **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 4/7-4/9**

### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**WORLD BALLET SERIES presents CINDERELLA-** Fri 7pm, Mobile Civic Center, downtown Mobile. A part of the World Ballet Series, Cinderella is performed live by a multinational cast of 40 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring the most celebrated fairy tale to life

**BALDWIN COUNTY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL-** Sat/Sun 9am-5pm, Loxley Municipal Park, Loxley. Festival fun that includes carnival rides, music, car show, tractor show, food ; the famous Strawberry Shortcakes. Benefits ARC of Baldwin Co; Loxley Elementary School

**BUNNY HOP 5K & FUN RUN-** Sat 8:30am, Main Street, The Wharf, Orange Beach. The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club is hosting the 12th annual Bunny Hop 5K + Fun Run in memory of Ann Reese Grote. Proceeds will benefit the Ann Reese Grote Memorial Scholarship, which is given to a graduating senior at Gulf Shores High School and Orange Beach High School who is committed to service within their community.

**CITY OF MOBILE SPRING FLING 2023-** Sat 10am-4pm, Dotch Community Center/Trinity Gardens (3100 Bank Avenue), Mobile. Enjoy fun activities all day- Easter Bunny Photos, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Inflatable Bounce Houses, Music and more! First Easter Egg Hunt Begins at 11am: Hunts will start with ages 0-3, followed by ages 4-6, and concluding with ages 7-12. Eggs will drop from the ladder of a fire truck before each hunt!

### **SPIRITS OF THE PASSAGE: THE STORY OF THE**

**TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE-** Now -June 21st, GulfQuest National Maritime Museum In conjunction with the 160th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico (GulfQuest) will be hosting one of the most powerful and important exhibitions it has ever displayed. "Spirits of the Passage: The Story of the Transatlantic Slave Trade" explores the strength of the human spirit through a display of nearly 150 historical objects spanning more than 350 years. (GulfQuest, along with several other museums and Bellingrath Gardens, is included in Alabama Tourism's All-in-One 3-Day Mobile Attraction Ticket!)

**TOYTOPIA-** Open Tuesday through Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm, Feb 3-May 20, Exploreum Science Center, downtown Mobile. Play all day and rekindle the wonder and delight of your favorite childhood moments in a world of big toys. Filling the entire traveling exhibit gallery at the

Exploreum, Toytopia will showcase specialty exhibits from toymakers including: Hasbro®, Duncan Yo-Yo®, Schleich®, Breyer®, Crayola®, KNEX® (Lincoln Logs®) and many more.

**DRESSING THE ABBEY: EXHIBITION** -Thurs January 26 -

April 22. History Museum of Mobile. Dressing the Abbey weaves fashion, history, and popular culture into an exhibition featuring the wardrobe from Downton Abbey™, one of the most widely watched television dramas in the world. The exhibition features thirty-five costumes worn by men and women and invites viewers to discover the turbulence of the Edwardian era and the cultural impact of the First World War. From the History Museum of Mobile's own collection of over 117,000 objects, the Museum is curating a complementary exhibition, Dressing Mobile: 1920s Fashion in the Port City.

**EASTER SERVICES:**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE BATTLESHIP-** Sun 6:30am, USS Alabama. Battleship Memorial Park. Join us on the grounds of the park for our annual Easter Sunrise Service. Government Street Baptist Church will be hosting. The service is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. We recommend bringing a lawn chair as seating can be full.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT BELLINGRATH GARDENS-** Sun 6:30am, Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore. The service will begin at 6:30am and end at 8am. It is open to everyone in the community! During the service, an offering will be collected to benefit a local charity. There is no admission charge from 6am to 8am on Easter Sunday. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs, or a blanket; no seating will be provided.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT FAIRHOPE PIER** - Sun 6:30am, Fairhope Municipal Pier, Fairhope. Sponsored by the Eastern Shore Optimist Club.

**WEEKEND RUNDOWN 4/14-4/16**

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**LODA ARTWALK-** Fri 6pm-9pm, Lower Dauphin Arts District, downtown Mobile. LoDa ArtWalk celebrates The Art of Cookie Decoration on Friday! Come on out to LODA ArtWalk and support local bakers as they showcase their cookie decorating skills. Enjoy live music, art, photo ops, and of course some cookie madness!

**KITES OVER MOBILE-** Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12 noon -5pm, Brookley By The Bay, 254 Old Bay Front Drive, Mobile. Mobile Parks & Recreation is hosting the 3rd Annual Kites Over Mobile Event- a Kite Festival full of high-flying FUN for the entire Community. Enjoy: Professional Kite Flying Demonstrations, Show Kite

Displays, Kite Hospital, Live Music and Candy Drop. Have a picnic, bring your kites, chairs, & blankets. Kites will be for sale onsite OR you can bring one

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**DIXIE DIVISION MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW-** Fri 12noon-5pm, Sat 8am-3pm, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. The military vehicles will be displayed in the recreational area of the grounds. The event is free and open to the public. Spectators are invited to see vintage military jeeps, trucks, bikes and more. There is a \$5 parking fee to enter the park.

**SATURDAYS AT THE COOP-** Sat 3pm-10pm, Cooper Riverside Park. Enjoy live musical entertainment by Kristy Lee for Pride Fest! Bring blankets, chairs, and your trusty cooler for a relaxing evening under the stars. Free event sponsored by Mobile Parks and Recreation.

**DAUPHIN ISLAND ART TRAIL-** Sat 10am-5pm, various venues, Dauphin Island. Dauphin Island hosts over 40 local artists from all over the Gulf Coast for a full day of arts and crafts on the Island

**BILLY STRINGS-** Fri/Sat 8pm, Mobile Civic Center.

**MOBILE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents BRAHMS SYMPHONY No. 4-** Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Brahms’ fourth symphony is a stellar masterpiece. MSO also features Weber’s Euryanthe Overture and Caroline Shaw’s Music in Common Time featuring the University of South Alabama Concert Choir and Mobile Opera Chorus.

**SPIRITS OF THE PASSAGE: THE STORY OF THE TRANSATLANTIC**

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**DRESSING THE ABBEY: EXHIBITION** Thurs January 26 - April 22. History Museum of Mobile. Dressing the Abbey weaves



fashion, history, and popular culture into an exhibition featuring the wardrobe from

Downton Abbey™, one of the most widely watched television dramas in the world. The exhibition features thirty-five costumes worn by men and women and invites viewers to discover the turbulence of the Edwardian era and the cultural impact of the First World War. From the History Museum of Mobile's own collection of over 117,000 objects, the Museum is curating a complementary exhibition, Dressing Mobile: 1920s Fashion in the Port City.

## **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 4/28-4/30**

### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**TOUCH A TRUCK-** Sat 10am-2pm, The Grounds, West Mobile. TOUCH A TRUCK is a family friendly event that offers children (and adults) a hands-on opportunity to explore a variety of trucks, and meet the people who build, protect, and serve our community. \$20 per car at the event (cash only). All proceeds benefit Rapahope and Adoption Rocks. Matt Mc Coy will be there with WNSP's AirSports One bus.

**DELTA WOODS & WATERS EXPO-** Sat 9am-4pm, 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, Mobile Bay Causeway. This is a free event sponsored by the City of Spanish Fort, with 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, to celebrate the beauty and diversity of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. There will be a variety of informative presentations, exhibitions and interactive displays by experienced outdoorsmen, professionals, educators and enthusiasts, plus fun and exciting hands-on demonstrations.

**38th Annual INTERSTATE MULLET TOSS-** Fri/Sat/Sun 10am (children toss), 12 noon (adults), Flora-Bama Lounge, Perdido Key. Those who participate in the Mullet Toss will throw a dead mullet over the state line of Florida and Alabama to see who gets the farthest. Proceeds from every mullet tossed will go to Local Youth Charities, including local schools' education and prevention programs from the Community Drug & Alcohol Council, Inc. (CDAC).

**PICKLEBALL PEP RALLY-** Sat 8am-5pm, Daphne Tennis & Pickleball Complex, Main Street, Daphne. Day of pickleball, games, prizes, raffle tickets, food trucks, music and fun. Benefit for Kidz Eatz weekend backpack meals for students in Baldwin County.

**ST MARY STEAKOUT WEEKEND-** Events Fri/Sat/Sun at St Mary Parish, Mobile Steak Out Weekend is a two-day celebration featuring new events leading up to the traditional Steak Out evening. **Mix and Mingle-** Fri 6:30pm, The Pillars, Government St, Mobile. **Kids PlayDay-** Sat 9am-2pm, McGill Field, Old Shell & Catherine. This event has interactive activity experiences, art stations, inflatables, Touch-A-Truck, a Nerf Wars arena, a highly curated retail shopping area, food trucks, lawn games, and more! Entry is free.

**Steak Out-** Sat 6pm, St Mary School, N Lafayette St, Mobile. Enjoy unlimited steak tasting, catered sides dishes, drinks, live music, online silent auction and

killer raffle prizes. This year, cooking teams will compete in three different categories: Professional, Amateur and Catholic Schools.

**FAMILY PROMISE JAZZ BRUNCH & WINE TASTING-** Sat 12 noon-3pm, The Hummingbird Way, George St, Mobile. Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Family Promise of Coastal Alabama with a jazz brunch and wine tasting event! Family Promise provides safe temporary shelter and essential services such as transportation and life balance skills for homeless families.

**MOBILE SYMPHONIC POPS DAUPHIN ISLAND CONCERT-** Sat 5pm, Dauphin Island Water Tower. Join the Mobile Pops for the first concert of the season! The name of this concert series is "Hey! I Know That Song!" Come listen to some of the greatest hits of pop culture and create a Never Ending Story of memories for the family!

**PENSACOLA CRAWFISH FESTIVAL-** Fri 11am-11pm; Sat 10am-11pm; Sun 11am-5pm, Seville Square & Fountain Park, downtown Pensacola. The festival features thousands of pounds of boiled crawfish, plus live music, arts & crafts and more! Sponsored by Fiesta Pensacola.

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WEEKEND RUNDOWN 5/5-5/7

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**FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK-** Fri 6pm-8pm, various venues in downtown Fairhope. Visit our local merchants in Downtown Fairhope as they open late and highlight the art community. Visit Eastern Shore Art Center for new exhibits, live music and more!

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE-** Fri 6pm-11pm, Mardi Gras Park, downtown Mobile. It's FNL Latin Night: The Ultimate Fiesta with performances by Grupo Folclorico Mitiotani (Dance); Mariachi Melodias de Mexico; and Rumbero's De Tampa Bay (Cuban). Bring your own blankets and chairs.

**BLESSING OF THE FLEET-** Sat/Sun 10am-4pm, St Margaret's Catholic Church, Bayou la Batre. Enjoy children's activities, arts & crafts, Bayou boat tours, and delicious seafood! Sunday, the Land Parade is at 2pm, with the Boat Parade/Blessing of the Fleet immediately following the land parade.

**MARKET IN THE PARK (SPRING 2023)-** Saturdays 7:30am-12 noon (May 6- July 8), Cathedral Square, downtown Mobile. Shop locally grown, locally produced and handmade items all while listening to live entertainment.

**DOUBLE TUNNEL VISION 5K-** Sat 8am, downtown Mobile. Certified 5K course starts. Near Canal Street between Scott and Bayou Streets and finishes at Oyster City Brewing Co. Participants will run down Government St, through the Bankhead Tunnel, circle around the tunnel entrance, and back through the tunnel to run up Government to finish at Oyster City. Proceeds will benefit the sight programs of the Lions Club of Mobile

**SIP 'N PAINT-** Sat 3pm-6pm, Mardi Gras Park, downtown Mobile. It's time for the Kentucky Derby on May 6th! The City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Department invites you to join us for a themed Sip & N Paint event featuring music, relaxation, dancing, sipping, and painting! We will be broadcasting the Kentucky Derby on a huge 23ft LED screen during the event! This highly-anticipated, quarterly event sells out quickly so get your tickets fast

**DISNEY'S FINDING NEMO JR-** Thurs-Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm, May 4 – 14, The PACT Theatre Company, Cottage Hill Rd, Mobile. This is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie Finding Nemo, with new music. Finding Nemo JR. brings a vibrant underwater world to life on stage in a story full of family, friendship, and adventure.

**DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST-** Thurs/Fri/Sat 7:30pm, The Bluff at Henry George Park, Fairhope. Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre (ESRT) will bring the full Broadway version of Disney's Beauty and the Beast to Henry George Park in Fairhope for the tenth annual Theatre on the Bluff. The production is ESRT's most ambitious to date, featuring over 90 Baldwin and Mobile County residents.

**GULF COAST HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL-** Fri/Sat 11am-10pm, OWA Parks & Resort, Foley. Come enjoy performances by musical entertainment, children's activities and more amid retail, arts & crafts and food booths. Musical headliners follow balloon flights, glows and tethered rides (weather permitting) Friday and Saturday nights. Lineup includes Red Clay Strays Saturday at 7pm! \*Morning flights are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning and take place between 6:00-8:00 am, weather-permitting. Flights take place before the festival is open.

**MOBILE SYMPHONY presents LORDS OF THE RING-** Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. MSO contrasts Howard Shore's brilliant score to Lord of the Rings with orchestral highlights from Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle. Works include The Ride of the Valkyrie and Siegfried's Rhine Journey, as well as music from Lord of the Rings: Return of the King, the Two Towers and Fellowship of the Ring.

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**EXPLORE MOBILE-** Sun 1pm-5pm, Mardi Gras Park, downtown Mobile. Enjoy live music, activities, and free admission to the city's tourist attractions. Attendees will be able to explore 300 years of Mobile history inside the History Museum of Mobile, experience colonial life inside the walls of Colonial Fort Conde, gaze upon the period rooms of the Conde-Charlotte Museum House, step back in time as they navigate the Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail and more.

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### **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 5/19-5/22** **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**ARMED FORCES DAY/BLUE STAR SALUTE-** Sat 7am-2pm, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile Causeway. Enjoy a day full of entertainment, fun and food at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park where there will be a variety of activities for everyone. Aeronautical entertainment provided by Silver Wings and others. The Armed Forces Day and Blue Star Salute events will honor those who serve, have served, and those who have fallen in military service. Special recognition will be given to the families of all those who have lost their lives in military service since 9/11/2001. This is the ninth year that Mobile will host the state-wide celebration.

**ALABAMAS FALLEN HEROES 5K RUN/WALK -** Sat 7:30am, honoring those Fallen Heroes. Each runner will run with the name of one of Alabama's Fallen Heroes on their Race Bib and afterward during activities, they can visit the wall of Alabama's Faces of the Price of Freedom to see the faces of their fallen service member.

**GRANDMAN TRIATHLON-** Sat 7am, Fairhope Municipal Park. Racers begin the race by jumping off of Fairhope Pier and swimming 1/3-mile in Mobile Bay to the shore. Then they bike 18.6 miles through Fairhope. And the final leg, a 3.1 mile run through downtown Fairhope before crossing the finish line at Fairhope Park. Sponsored by Mobile Baykeeper.

**3rd Annual BOYINGTON OAK FESTIVAL-** Sat/Sun, Oakleigh House Museum, Mobile. Join history buffs for the Third Annual Boyington Oak Festival. According to legend, the oak tree was named after Charles Boyington, a man who was wrongly accused of murder and executed in 1835. Before he died, he proclaimed his innocence and said an oak would grow from his heart to prove that he did not commit the murder. The oak did grow and now, at almost 200 years old, it stands tall in the Church Street cemetery. There's a play, a trolley tour and you can tour Oakleigh.

**EXPLOREUM AFTER HOURS: BACK TO THE FUTURE-** Sat 5pm-9pm, Exploreum Science Center, downtown Mobile. Wear your best 80's or 50's attire! This is a 21+ only event. No children or teens allowed. Bring Your Own Wine/Beer options.

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**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL WEEKEND- FRI-SUNDAY** : This weekend a series of events will highlight centuries of African American heritage in Mobile. The first event is Friday night starting at 6 at Government Plaza.

Members of the Dora Franklin Finley African-American Heritage Trail will host their annual Griot Award Gala. This year's recipients are Mobile's Excelsior band. Saturday will be a preview of the yet-to-be-open Historic Franklin House and Gallery. It was the home to Dr. James A. Franklin, a well-known black doctor who served the community. The home has been transformed into a gallery showing images of Mobile's African American history as well as an event space. That's from 2-5 Saturday afternoon. Sunday will be the Underground Railroad Bike tour starting at 2 pm at the Heart of Mary School and making several stops at historic locations in Mobile.

**GEORGE M!-** Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm (MAY 12-28), Chickasaw Civic Theatre. George M. Cohan owned the Broadway stage for decades with tunes like "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "You're a Grand Old Flag." Cohan grew up in vaudeville, with its endless travel to two-bit theatres, but he worked his way to the top. Even when theatre changed around him, he found a way back to his beloved Broadway for one last show.

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## **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 6/2-6/4**

### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

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**SEA TURTLE BABY SHOWER-** Sat 9am-12 noon, Gulfside Pavilion, Pensacola Beach. FREE Family event featuring hands on exhibits and interactive fun to educate all about the nesting habits of sea turtles, other wildlife in our ecosystem and our environment. Free treats and activity booklet! Fun for all ages!

**DINOSAUR ADVENTURE-** Sat 9am-8pm; Sun 9am-7pm, The Grounds, West Mobile. Experience the thrill of the prehistoric age featuring life-sized dinosaurs and massive family fun! □ As part of the Dinosaur Adventure, children of all ages will enjoy a variety of activities: fossil crafting, Jurassic jeeps, themed obstacle courses, riding their favorite dinosaur, and more!

**2nd Annual TOAST A LEGEND-** Sat 2pm-6pm, Cedar Street Social Club, downtown Mobile. Toast a Legend will be a celebration honoring the tremendous life of Mobile's hometown hero, Zackary Wilson Miller II (SEAL). All proceeds from this event will go toward the Zackary Wilson Miller II Memorial Fund to honor Zack and carry his legacy forward and inspire young men and women for years to come.

**SUMMER LIBRARY CELEBRATION KICKOFF-** Sat 10am-12noon, Ben May Main Public Library, downtown Mobile. Bring the whole family for a morning of free fun! Several groups from across Mobile will be there to engage with the kids: Mobile Parks and Recreation, History Museum of Mobile, Mobile Carnival Museum, U.S.S. Alabama Battleship, Mobile Medical Museum, Azalea Trail Maids, Love Your Community, Mobile International Festival, Mobile Botanical Gardens and more. Plus, a Mini Touch a Truck event will take place with the Mobile Police Department (patrol car), Mobile Fire-Rescue Department (fire truck), Bookmobile, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

**MUSIC & A MOVIE: "MOANA" and Music by Groovinators** - Fri 6:30pm, Heritage Park, Foley. Bring the family as well as camp chairs or a blanket, and settle in for some great, local musical entertainment before the movie is projected on a 24-foot screen. Before the film begins, enjoy browsing the booths at the Heritage Park Marketplace.

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### **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 6/9-6/11**

#### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:**

**LODA ARTWALK-** Fri 6pm-9pm, Cathedral Square, downtown Mobile. LoDa ArtWalk and the Mobile Arts Council celebrate PRIDE Month with music, vendors, a Pride Parade at 7:30, followed by a Drag Show at 8pm at Cathedral Square.

**ROLL MOBILE SKATE NIGHT-** Fri 6pm-9pm, Bienville Square, downtown Mobile. Mobile Parks & Recreation is closing off the streets and turning Bienville Square into a giant roller rink, complete with lights and a live DJ! Bring your skates or bring a chair to watch! Roller skates and roller blades only



**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TURKEY CALLING CONTEST-** Fri/Sat 9am, Mobile Convention Center, downtown Mobile. Many of the country's top turkey callers are eagerly awaiting the chance to show off their talents at the Mobile Convention Center. Admission is free. The World Championship Turkey Calling Contest has long-time ties to the city of Mobile. The inaugural event was held in Mobile in 1940 at the Battle House Hotel when Mr. Fred T. Stimpson, the current mayor's grandfather, took home top honors.

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**MUSIC & A MOVIE: "SING" and Music by Christina Christian** - Fri 6:30pm, Heritage Park, Foley. Bring the family as well as camp chairs or a blanket, and settle in for some great, local musical entertainment before the movie is projected on a 24-foot screen. Before the film begins, enjoy browsing the booths at the Heritage Park Marketplace.

**MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART MAKERS MARKET-** Sat 3pm-6pm, Mobile Museum of Art, Langan Park. Join us for an afternoon of local shopping, live music, food trucks, art activities, and free admission to the Museum. Support local artisans with a variety of handmade items, such as jewelry, pottery, self-care products, and baked goods. And enjoy live local music while you shop!

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**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SUMMER FAIR-** June 8-June 18, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. The South Mississippi Summer Fair is a family-friendly, jam-packed event with carnival rides, fair food and more. Named a multi-year Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society.

## **WEEKEND RUNDOWN 6/16-6/18**

### **FRIDAY- SATURDAY**

**FAMILY CELEBRATION DAY-** Sat 11am-3pm, Langan Municipal Park, Mobile. Family Celebration Day will offer fun sports challenges and contests such as a 3-Point Contest, a Sack Race, and a Punt, Pass & Kick Challenge. There will be live music, food trucks and a "Real Men Cook" Grilling Competition.

**MARKET IN THE PARK-** 7:30 AM-12:00 PM in Cathedral Square

**HOT TROT for ARC 5K & FUN RUN-** Sat 7:00am-11AM, LuLu's Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores. Benefits ARC-Baldwin County.

**AFRICATOWN BRIDGE CHALLENGE 5K RUN/WALK-** Sat 7:30am, 645 Shelby St, Mobile. View Historic Africatown, the Mobile River, Port of Mobile, Mobile-Tensaw River Delta, and the City of Mobile from 350 feet high as you run or walk your way across the 7,291-foot-long bridge on the certified 5k course. There will be a 1-mile course that takes participants from Shelby Street to the foot of the bridge and back

**MOVIE ON THE BLUFF-** Sat at dusk, Henry George Park at Fairhope Pier. Join us for our 3rd Annual Movie on The Bluff Summer Series! Catch a free movie after you enjoy the sunset on Mobile Bay. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Donations not required but appreciated. Any amounts received will go to benefit Fairhope Schools. Bring a chair or blanket! Movie: Jesus Revolution (filmed in Fairhope!)

**STRIPERS ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT-** Sat 6:30am-5PM, Dauphin Island Marina at 650 Lemoyne Dr., Dauphin Island, AL. \$10 for kids , adults \$25 to compete. Tickets can be purchased online on their website. The Master Angler will receive the grand prize of \$500. A percentage of the proceeds from the event will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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**NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM "VISITOR APPRECIATION DAY"-** Sat 10am-3pm, Naval Air Station Pensacola. The National Naval Aviation Museum is excited to host two upcoming Visitor Appreciation Days this summer as a way to recognize the Pensacola community for their loyal support. The first is this

## **WEEKEND RUNDOWN**

**6/23-6/25**

**FRIDAY**

**COMPANY-** Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm (June 9-June 25), Joe Jefferson Playhouse, Mobile



**DOWNTOWN OWA'S ART WALK-** 205 N Owa Blvd., Foley, AL - 5 PM-9PM

## **SATURDAY**

**SOUTHERN MOMMA & FRIENDS-** Sat 7:30pm, Mobile Saenger Theatre. Originally from and still residing in Alabama, Darren Knight and his character, Southern Momma, became a household name due to his hilarious viral content, which led to his headlining a nationwide comedy tour.

**DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN NATIONAL FINALS-** Thurs/Fri/Sat 7pm, Mobile Civic Center. Wednesday night is Community Night, with Preliminaries Thursday and Friday, and Finals on Saturday.

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**BUBBLE SCIENCE DAY-** Presented by the Explorium Science Center- 10:30 AM-3:00 PM at 65 Government Street; General admission for non-members, free for members.

**INNERGY: AN IMMERSIVE DANCE EXPERIENCE-** 7 PM at Arlene Mitchell Theatre; Tickets are \$20

## **SUNDAY**

**WWE SUNDAY STUNNER-** Sun 7pm, Mobile Civic Center. WWE returns to the Mobile Civic Center for the first time in 5 years. With Charlotte Flair, Rhonda Rousey, Bianca Belair, AJ Styles, Austin Theory, Sami Zayn, Bobby Lashley & more!

**BEN WALLS MEMORIAL JAM-** Sun 12 noon-until, The Garage, downtown Mobile. This is a full day of entertainment! Wonderful local musicians playing all day, amazing crawfish boil, a fantastic silent auction, and raffles! It is the mission of Ben Walls Memorial Jam, Inc. to assist those struggling financially due to a family member's battle with cancer, with the additional goal of donating to various cancer organizations. This year Ava Smith (15 years old) is the recipient of the donations.

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## WEEKEND RUNDOWN

6/30-7/2

### FRIDAY

**OZANAM'S JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA:** Dancing, drinks, live music, and a silent auction; 6-9 PM at The Grand Hall- tickets are \$45

**FAMILY FUN ADOPTION WEEKEND:** City of Mobile Animal Services hosts this event from Friday to Monday- 10 AM-6PM at 855 Owens Street

**OWA 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND PARTY-** Fri/Sat/Sun 2pm-9pm, Downtown OWA, OWA Parks & Resort, Foley; Join OWA for a weekend filled with fun, entertainment, and patriotic spirit! Enjoy delicious red, white, and blueberry treats, get your caricature drawn, and let the kids make their own firework crafts. Experience a bubble truck party, and groove to live music performances. The festivities culminate with a spectacular firework show on Saturday, July 1 at 8:50pm that is synchronized to patriotic music

### SATURDAY

**MARKET IN THE PARK:** 7:30 AM-12:00 PM at Cathedral Square

**DAD BOD CONTEST:** Hosted by O'Daly's at 7 PM

**WHITE TIE ROCK ENSEMBLE featuring hits of Foreigner, Styx and Van Halen-** Fri/Sat 7pm, OWA Theater, OWA Parks & Resort, Foley

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**SARALAND FIREWORKS -** Sat 7:30pm-9pm, Saraland High School

### SUNDAY

**BLUES ON THE BAY: HI TIDE BAND-** Sun 6pm-8pm, Community Maritime Park, Pensacola; Concerts are free and open to the public. Pack your coolers, bring your lawn chairs and join us at the Hunter Amphitheater

**SEMMES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION-** Sun 5pm-9pm, Mary G Montgomery High School; This free City Event will include a concert by the Molly Ringwalds, as well as local entertainment, fireworks, vendors, food trucks, and plenty of fun for the family!

**WHARF INDEPENDENCE DAY STREET PARTY-** Mon 5pm-9pm, The Wharf, Orange Beach; There will be family friendly activities in the Entertainment District including a bubble truck, bounce houses, mechanical shark, face painting (\$10), camel rides (\$10), Pirate Revenge ride, rock wall, stilt walker, Reptile Bus, special appearances by Lady Liberty, Uncle Sam and ending the night with the palm trees dancing in patriotic colors and a grand fireworks show.

**BAY MINETTE FIREWORKS-** Mon at dusk (9pm), Bay Minette Sports Complex.

**GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL-** Mon 3pm-7pm, Tues 10am-6pm, Odd Fellows Festival Park, Grand Bay; On the 3rd, preview day, there's no charge for parking and there will be Arts & Crafts vendors, rides, food vendors, and entertainment, (but no watermelon yet). On the 4th, admission is only \$5 per vehicle, and in addition to Arts & Crafts vendors, rides, food vendors and entertainment, the Pretty Baby Contest, Car Show, games, and all the free, sliced, ice cold, sweet Grand Bay watermelon you can eat.

**MOBILE POPS 4TH OF JULY CONCERT-** Tues 7 pm, Medal of Honor Aircraft Pavilion, USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park; the concert will include patriotic favorites, military marches, contemporary scores, and more. Admission is free to attend, and the public is invited.

**CITY OF MOBILE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION-** Tues 4pm-9:30pm, Cooper Riverside Park and Mardi Gras Park, downtown Mobile; Live music at Cooper Riverside Park. Kid's Zone at Mardi Gras Park, with live DJ, games and activities, bounce houses, face painting, caricature artists, and more!  
**FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9PM SHARP!**

**FAIRHOPE 4TH OF JULY CONCERT & FIREWORKS-** Tues 7:30pm, Fairhope Municipal Pier; The Baldwin Pops Band Independence Day Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Henry George Park. A variety of patriotic music will be played before and during the fireworks display. The Fairhope fireworks display will begin at approximately 9 p.m.

**GULF SHORES-** Tues 9pm, Gulf State Park Pier; Due to ongoing construction to repair damage from Hurricane Sally, fireworks will be shot from the center of the pier this year, making the Gulf State Park and the eastern area of the Gulf Shores Public Beach ideal locations for spectators.

## **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.