



Greta Sharp: Downtown Mobile goes to the dogs with Woofstock

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The ninth annual Woofstock, a daylong event benefiting the Animal Rescue Foundation, is Oct. 27, in downtown Mobile's Bienville Square.

Gates open at 11 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Presented by Budweiser, this event brings thousands of attendees downtown.

Highlights include a pet costume contest, wiener dog races and live music, including SuperFunk Fantasy, The Redfield and a songwriters set featuring Eric Erdman, Ross Newell and other local musicians.

Additional attractions include the Go Play Pet Zone featuring canine protection shows with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, the Hound Dog Wedding Chapel, pet airbrushing by Tmac's Hair Studio and a Kidz Zone with a jumper, popcorn, snow cones and children's activities.

There will be vendor booths, a silent auction, prizes, pet adoptions, and food and drinks.

Registration for the wiener dog races ends at 1 p.m., while registration for the pet costume contest ends at 3 p.m. Entry to both events is free.

For a complete schedule of events, visit <http://woofstockmobile.com/>.

It's time to **Stamp Out Muscular Dystrophy!** Help raise money to assist in services, clinics, research and summer camp for sick kids in our area just by lacing up your shoes.

The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 469 is hosting its second 5K run/walk to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association at Langan Park on Nov. 10 at 8 a.m..

The fun run is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

To register online, go to <http://www.active.com/>. You can register in person at McCoy Outdoor or Run-n-Tri in Mobile or Running Wild in Fairhope until noon on Nov. 7.

Race day registration is at Langan Park from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for

children 12 and under. Race day registration is \$20.

To receive a t-shirt on race day, entries must be received by Oct. 31.

Teams are welcome for a friendly competition, but must have a minimum of five members. Awards will be presented to the fastest team and the team raising the most money for muscular dystrophy.

Scheduled to attend is Pennsylvanian Jeff Fazio, who has a goal to run a 5K in every state in a year. He runs wearing a pin that reads 4D in honor of his friend Dee Gerber who has Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome, a form of Muscular Dystrophy.

Food and beverages will be provided after the race.

For more information, contact mskcordier@gmail.com or jalooney61@yahoo.com.

Carmen Kearley, left, librarian and president of the Murphy Alumni Association, and Murphy Principal Dr. William Smith received an antique dinner chime and a check from the Class of 1963, presented by Patti Bean Vickery and Linda Brewton Strong. (Courtesy Monetta Noland)

The **Murphy High School Class of 1963** recently presented an antique dinner chime to Murphy Principal Dr. William Smith for use at the school.

The dinner chime replaces one lost in the aftermath of the 2012 Christmas Day tornado. It called students to attention each morning for announcements and was a Murphy tradition.

Linda Brewton Strong and Patti Bean Vickery represented the class in presenting the gift.

The Class of 1963 also presented a check for \$1,963 to Murphy High School Alumni Association President Carmen Kearley-Miller to be used for tornado restoration. The money was donated by '63 classmates and from proceeds from the 50th class reunion held this year.

St. Mary golfers, from left to right, Matt Ericksen, Jay Palmer, Curt Doyle and Dave Trent prepare to tee off at last year's Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament. (Courtesy Marcelle Naman)

St. Mary Catholic School's sixth annual **Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament** is Oct. 27 at the Spring Hill College Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes lunch, beverages, prizes and a gift.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

This year's steering committee includes Desi Tobias, Celie Tobias, John Thompson and Dina Blankenship. The volunteer crew is provided by the St. Mary Parish Knights of Columbus Council 13163 and members of the Thompson family.

All proceeds benefit St. Mary Catholic School. For more information or to register, contact Desi Tobias at 251-432-5001 or desi@tobiascomer.com.

NAIFA-Mobile representatives provided dinner recently for the residents of Ronald McDonald House. In the front, from left to right, is Pat Dunn;

The board of directors of the **National**

Gary Adams, president; Shirley Bridges; Susan Day; and Alfonzo Brady; second row, left to right, R. Craig Brantley, Area 1 vice president; Denise Harris; Freddie Corina; Larry Washington, president elect; and Kim Bush; back row, Chuck "Big Head" Peak, owner of Big Head BBQ. (Courtesy R. Craig Brantley)

Association of Insurance and Financial

Advisors of Mobile recently provided dinner for the residents at Ronald McDonald House. This is just one of the many ways NAIFA-Mobile appreciates and supports the local community.

The insurance companies represented were Principal Financial Group, Colonial Life, New York Life, Liberty National, AXA-Advisors and Allstate.

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