

19-year Original Oyster House employee given Island Spirit Award

STAFF REPORT

A longtime server at Original Oyster House was recently awarded for his island spirit.

Stephen Shillito, who has been at OOH since 2005, received the Island Spirit Award on Aug. 29 from the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber, an award given monthly to recognize individuals who display warmth, hospitality and concern for the community and tourists.

The Island Spirit committee showered Shillito with several gifts, including balloons, an Island Spirit pin, a monetary prize sponsored by Beach Properties, his own

keepsake plaque and the large Island Spirit Plaque displayed in the restaurant for a month.

His nomination explained why Shillito is unforgettable and one of a kind. A five-star reviewer wrote, "I recently had the pleasure of dining at a restaurant where Stephen, an exceptional server, made our experience truly memorable. With his infectious sense of humor and attentive service, he created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for my family and me. Stephen's enthusiasm and knowledge added an extra layer of enjoyment to the already delicious meal. I highly recommend requesting Stephen as your server for an unforgettable dining experi-

ence filled with laughter, excellent service and mouthwatering delights."

Another five-star Tripadvisor reviewer wrote, "Ask for Stephen; he's a fantastic server! He knew we were from Indiana and took great care of us! We witnessed him responding to a group of older men seated by us. One man who was diabetic and was having a moment. Without missing a beat, Stephen sprinted to get water, bread and orange juice. Within minutes the man recovered. Stephen did this with diplomacy, not drawing any attention to the man."

Shillito, an active environmentalist, volunteered for ECO Clean Marine and helped videotape the Alabama Coastal Foundation

press conference in November 2023.

In 2016, the Original Oyster House became the first restaurant in the state of Alabama to recycle oyster shells through the Alabama Coastal Foundation. As of August 2024, an estimated 24 million oyster shells have been recovered. The Original Oyster House also supports the sustainability of oysters and is one of the only restaurants to [oyster garden], grow stocker oysters to refurbish the reef.

The Original Oyster House (OOH) has two locations: 3733 Battleship Parkway on the Mobile Causeway and 701 Gulf Shores Parkway in Gulf Shores.



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Pictured from left is the Island Spirit committee: Kimberly Ray, Samantha Fender, Steve Jones, Marie Parrish and Stephen and Molly Cooley. Each month, committee members review nominations and select winners.



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Pictured from left are Nancy Alvarez, Cecilia Mace, Stephen Shillito, Suzanne Savell, Joie Biancardi, Osmar Neto, James Nail and Eric Boyd.

NOTICE

In accordance with, and respecting the parameters set forth by, Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, please be informed that then Baldwin County Commission will consider at its regular meeting on September 17, 2024, the adoption of Resolution #2024-158 of the Baldwin County Commission which will authorize several appropriations as part of the comprehensive Baldwin County Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, which would include respective grants and payment of public county funds, to firms, corporations, or other business entities, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County.

The September 17, 2024, regular meeting of the Baldwin County Commission begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, County Commission Meeting Chambers - 2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, Alabama 36532.

The appropriations, contained in Resolution #2024-158 of the Baldwin County Commission, are as follows:

- [1] As above recited, the appropriation of \$10,000 to Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for the Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, develop a comprehensive, integrated workforce development system to enhance the economic well-being of the citizens of Baldwin County, by and through a myriad of activities related to economic development and employee retention
- [2] As above recited, the appropriation of \$10,000 to the USS Alabama Battleship Commission shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for the USS Alabama Battleship Commission to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, provide for the operation of the "USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park" which remains a public museum promoting the economic well-being of the citizens of Baldwin County, by and through a myriad of activities related to tourism.
- [3] As above recited, the appropriation not to exceed \$60,000 to Kimberly H. Adams, P.C., shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for Kimberly H. Adams, P.C., to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, to provide consulting and advisory services to the Baldwin County Commission with regard to specific federal, state, and economic development representation that shall enhance Baldwin County's presence before federal, state, and other agencies and will help leverage resources to increase Baldwin County's quality of life, long term planning, economic growth, and competitiveness.
- [4] As above recited, the appropriation not to exceed \$72,000 to Adams and Reese, LLP, shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for Adams and Reese, LLP, to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, provide consulting and advising services to the Baldwin County Commission with regard to specific federal, state, and economic development representation that shall enhance Baldwin County's presence before federal, state, and other agencies and will help leverage resources to increase Baldwin County's quality of life, long term planning, economic growth, and competitiveness.
- [5] As above recited, the appropriation not to exceed \$114,000 to Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, provide federal relations services to the Baldwin County Commission that shall enhance Baldwin County's presence before the United States Congress and Executive Branch Agencies of the United States and will help leverage federal resources to increase Baldwin County's quality of life, long term planning, economic growth and competitiveness.
- [6] As above recited, the appropriation of \$440,000 to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, work for the mutual economic and industrial development of Baldwin County; further, to continue a public / private partnership program for economic development in Baldwin County; further, to recruit new economic development investment; further, to seek, discover and endeavor to attract and promote new and expanding commercial prospects within Baldwin County, and to create new jobs and employment and economic improvements and expansion for the benefit of the citizens of Baldwin County.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact:

Beth Hodges, Budget Director for the Baldwin County Commission, at (251) 580-1602

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Robertsdale, Alabama will be holding a public hearing on the following application:

Applicant, Cooper Construction is requesting a

variance in setbacks for the construction of a residence located at 18135 Hoiles Street, Robertsdale AL 36567.

The hearings have been scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at

the Robertsdale City Hall. Any person aggrieved by the granting of any of these requests is

hereby notified to appear at the public hearing or send a written response to: Kate Whalley, Zoning Board of Adjustments Secretary, P O Box 429, Robertsdale, AL 36567.

Jonathan Kitchens, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustments
City of Robertsdale

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