

The Royal Oyster SBCC's Business of the Month



SUBMITTED BY SOUTH BALDWIN CHAMBER

Congratulations to The Royal Oyster, the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month! Located at 807 Gulf Shores Parkway, The Royal Oyster is a small, boutique oyster bar that boasts "flip flop dining" and prides itself on serving local ingredients, fresh seafood, and handmade cocktails. The Royal Oyster regularly serves up fresh oysters from all over the country while also serving boutique oysters from our local providers. The atmosphere is relaxed and family-friendly and offers plenty of outdoor seating overlooking Little Lagoon. Catering services are also available. They are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can check them out on Facebook!

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3-2 Officers for 2019



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From left, Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) Mike Waterfield and Flotilla Commander (FC) Karl Andrews have been selected to serve the Foley Flotilla 3-2 in year 2019. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (CGA) is the all-volunteer arm of the U.S. Coast Guard. Flotilla 3-2 is looking for people that would like to serve their community by promoting safe boating classes to the public; offering free vessel exams that provide the boat owner with information about what is expected by the marine law enforcement in the state; and assisting the Coast Guard in many activities that are non-law enforcement. Members of Flotilla 3-2 received the Prestigious Award of Flotilla of the Year (2013) above all of the CGA flotillas in the United States presented by Boat US, the largest insurer of marine vessels. Flotilla 3-2 have their monthly meetings at American Legion Post #44 in Gulf Shores at 6781 State Highway 59 on the third Thursday of each month (excluding December) at 11:30 a.m. For information on joining this group, call Karl Andrews at 251-533-5593.

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excellent job assisting in building the city's electrical infrastructure. He will be truly missed by all who knew him and our hearts go out to his family for their loss."

Aldridge was born Feb. 22, 1921 in Chilton County, one of seven children born to Hoarce

and Mesia Aldridge.

Aldridge worked on the farm in Chilton County until he was 17 years old, he recalled during an interview in 2017, just ahead of his 96th birthday. In 1938, he took a job with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps, getting his first job as a utility lineman in 1940, earning \$8 a week.

A veteran of World War II, he was drafted into the Army shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in November 1941. After basic training, he went to England, serving under General George S. Patton, participating in the invasion of France, storming the beach at Normandy and earning five Bronze Stars along the way.

Aldridge returned to

Alabama in 1945, taking a job in Evergreen, married a girl from Fairhope, and followed his brother to Baldwin County, taking a job with REA, now known as Baldwin EMC.

After that, Aldridge went to work for the city of Robertsdale, where he would serve as a line-man for 32 years. He and his wife Edna raised two children.

Aldridge was a life-long beekeeper, getting his first hive when he was 8 years old. He was known around Baldwin County as "The Bee Man, formed the Baldwin County Beekeepers Association and was instrumental in starting Robertsdale's annual Honeybee Festival. He participated in monthly meetings at the PZK Hall in Robertsdale right until the time of his death.

"He attended the last meeting (July 1) before he passed," said Sil-verhill beekeeper Bill Stephens. "You would be hard to find anyone with more knowledge and he was always willing to share that knowledge with others."

Longtime member and former club officer Daryl Pichoff called Aldridge a friend and a mentor.

"He was not just a mentor to me, but with several members of the club," Pichoff said.

"When I first came to the club, he offered to mentor me right away. He was already in his 90s and was not able to do a lot of the physical work himself, but he would talk me through what he needed me to do and I would do it for him, while at the same time learning the craft for myself. He was passionate about bees and beekeeping. Everyone has their own way of keeping bees and Rex had his own way, but he was always willing to share that knowledge with others. He knew things about beekeeping that you just can't teach. He knew things that just comes with years of doing it."

After his retirement, Aldridge became a fixture at the Robertsdale Senior Center, always participating in activities, particularly those involving competitive games, such as Rook, checkers and particularly dominoes where he brought home numerous gold medals representing the center at the annual Alabama Masters Games.

"When I first started here, Mr. Rex would



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come in every day, playing dominoes for hours at a time," said Senior Center volunteer Mary Williams. "His visits gradually went down to two or three days a week and then maybe only once a week, but his daughter said he would still be coming in every day if he could."

"Mr. Rex was the ultimate role model who lived life to the fullest and was always willing to give of himself whenever he could. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him."

Senior Center Director Amy Ochello described Aldridge as a "kind, intelligent gentleman."

"We always looked forward to seeing him here at the center and he will be sadly missed," she said.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Edna; a daughter, Linda (John) Ottogalli; son, Rusty (Dawn); and a brother, Gary. He was preceded in death by a son, Neil. He had a large extended family, including many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He donated his body to the Medical Department at UAB and requested that there be no funeral services.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Home Health, Springhill Hospice, Dr. Porter, Lee Drugs, Robertsdale Senior Center and all of the friends who called and visited for their care and support.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO BALDWIN COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Baldwin County Commission, during its August 6, 2019, regular meeting, will consider approving amendments to the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations after a Public Hearing, pursuant to Article 12 of the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations. The August 6, 2019, regular meeting of the Baldwin County Commission will be held in the County Commission Chambers at the Baldwin County Administration Building located at 322 Courthouse Square in Bay Minette, Alabama. The Baldwin County Commission meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. If you wish to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the proposed amendments during the Public Hearing, please be in attendance by 8:30 a.m.

The Baldwin County Commission will consider proposed amendments to the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations. Copies of the proposed amendments are available for viewing at the following locations:

1. Baldwin County Highway Department, 3rd and 4th Floors, Baldwin County Central Annex II Building, 22070 State Highway 59, Robertsdale, Alabama;
2. Baldwin County Commission Office, Baldwin County Administration Building, 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama;
3. Baldwin County Commission Office, Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, Alabama;
4. Baldwin County Commission Office, Baldwin County Central Annex Building, 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, Alabama;
5. Baldwin County Commission Office, Foley Satellite Courthouse, 201 East Section Street, Foley, Alabama;
6. Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department, Foley Satellite Courthouse, 201 East Section Street, Foley, Alabama; and
7. Baldwin County Courthouse, 312 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, at (251) 580-2550 or wayne.dyess@baldwincountyal.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact the Permit Division of the Baldwin County Highway Department at (251) 937-0278.

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