

DirecTV Unveils Gulf Coast Sports & Entertainment Network

Description

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The NBA season is about to start. WVUE-TV and Gray Local Media have signed a deal with DirecTV. This deal will help more fans watch New Orleans Pelicans games during the 2025-26 season.

Now, Pelicans games that are not shown nationally will be on DirecTV. Fans can watch these games through streaming, satellite, and U-verse across three states.

"We want to give more fans access to Pelicans games. This is a big step," said Mikel Schaefer from WVUE-TV. "We believe this will help many people watch the games."

The first game is on Wednesday against the Memphis Grizzlies. DirecTV customers can find the games on these channels:

- DirecTV streaming: Channel 676
- DirecTV satellite: Channel 676-6
- U-Verse: Channels 1759 (HD) and 759 (SD)

Now, many more fans in cities like Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Jackson can watch the games.

"DirecTV cares about local sports," said Linda Burakoff from DirecTV. "We want to help fans access their favorite teams."

Vocabulary List:

- 1. Access /'æk.sɛs/ (noun): The means of approaching or entering a place.
- 2. **Streaming** /'stri:.mɪŋ/ (noun): The simultaneous transmission of data especially video and audio over the internet.
- 3. Fans /fænz/ (noun): Supporters or enthusiasts of a particular sport team or individual.
- 4. Channels /'tʃæn.əlz/ (noun): Specific broadcast frequencies used to transmit television or radio signals.
- 5. **Season** /'si:.zən/ (noun): A specific period in which a particular activity occurs such as a sports season.
- 6. Local /'loʊ.kəl/ (adjective): Relating to a particular area or neighborhood.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What broadcasting company signed a deal with DirecTV to air New Orleans Pelicans games during the 2025-26 season?

Option: WVUE-TV Option: ESPN

Option: CBS Sports **Option: Fox Sports**

2. Which of the following is NOT a method mentioned for fans to watch Pelicans games on DirecTV?

Option: Cable TV Option: Streaming Option: Satellite Option: U-Verse

3. What channel can DirecTV customers find Pelicans games on for streaming? SL-NEWS.COT

Option: Channel 676-6 Option: Channel 700 Option: Channel 800 Option: Channel 676

4. In which cities mentioned in the article can more fans now watch New Orleans Pelicans games?

Option: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle Option: Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Jackson

Option: Miami, Orlando, Tampa Option: Denver, Phoenix, Dallas

5. Who from DirecTV emphasized the importance of helping fans access their favorite teams?

Option: Mikel Schaefer Option: Linda Burakoff Option: Not mentioned Option: Sharon Johnson

6. When is the first game taking place according to the article?

Option: Tuesday Option: Thursday Option: Saturday Option: Wednesday



True-False

- 7. The deal between WVUE-TV and DirecTV will only allow national broadcasting of Pelicans games.
- 8. Fans can watch Pelicans games through satellite on DirecTV.
- 9. The article mentions that DirecTV is indifferent to local sports.
- 10. The first game is against the Los Angeles Lakers.
- 11. Only fans in New Orleans can access Pelicans games through DirecTV.
- 12. DirecTV customers can find the games on Channel 759 in HD.

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15. The article states that DirecTV customers can find the games on Channel 676	for streaming, Channel
676-6 for satellite, and Channel (HD) and 759 (SD) for U	-Verse.
18. Mikel Schaefer from WVUE-TV mentioned in the article that the deal with Direct	:TV is seen as a
in giving more fans access to Pelicans games.	

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. WVUE-TV 2. Cable TV 3. Channel 676 4. Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Jackson 5. Linda Burakoff 6. Wednesday

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 15. 1759 18. big step

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which technology allows users to watch videos in real-time over the internet? Option: Access



Option: Fans Option: Channels Option: Streaming

2. Who are dedicated supporters of a particular person or group?

Option: Local Option: Moments Option: Fans Option: Event

3. What are specific platforms or avenues for content distribution?

Option: Chemistry Option: Adventure Option: Channels Option: Pinn

4. What is the financial plan for a particular project or period?

Option: Performance Option: Explore Option: Budget Option: Energy

NEWS.COM 5. Which term describes an exciting or unusual experience?

Option: Super Option: Award Option: Adventure Option: Popular

6. What term is used to describe something unique or extraordinary?

Option: Siblings Option: Special Option: Mix Option: Location

7. What is given as a reward for achievement or recognition?

Option: Event

Option: Performance

Option: Award Option: Mixed

8. Which prefix denotes something of a superior grade or quality?

Option: Celebrate Option: Mixed



Option: Super Option: Amazed

9. What term describes the emotional connection and interactions between people?

Option: Season

Option: Commission
Option: Chemistry
Option: Hosted

10. What word means to acknowledge an event or milestone with festivities?

Option: Mix

Option: Celebrate
Option: Location
Option: Performance

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The band gave an outstanding	at the music festival.	
12. The movie was shot in a breathtaking	with scenic views.	
13. The two brothers are close	and share a deep bond.	
14. The new restaurant in town is gaining	for its delicious food.	
15. The DJ played a great	of old and new tunes at the party.	
16. The group decided to	the uncharted territory for their next adventure.	
17. The artist received a	to create a mural for the city museum.	
18. The team had great	_ during the championship game.	
19. The photograph captured special	shared between friends.	
20. The annual charity event was	by a well-known celebrity.	
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)		

21. The grand opening of the new store was a spectacular occasion with live music and fireworks.



- 22. The audience was truly by the magician's mind-bending tricks.
- 23. Supporting local businesses helps boost the economy of your community.
- 24. The art exhibition showcased a collection of paintings and sculptures from various artists.
- 25. The hiker reached the of the mountain after a challenging ascent.
- 26. The latest of the show introduces new characters and plot twists.
- 27. The artist received a to paint a portrait of a renowned public figure.
- 28. Travel enthusiasts love to new destinations and immerse themselves in different cultures.
- 29. The actor will a monologue from Shakespeare's famous play during the drama competition.
- 30. The anniversary party was a celebration with gourmet food and live entertainment.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Streaming 2. Fans 3. Channels 4. Budget 5. Adventure 6. Special 7. Award 8. Super 9. Chemistry 10. Celebrate

Gap-Fill: 11. Performance 12. Location 13. Siblings 14. Popular 15. Mix 16. Explore 17. Commission 18.

Energy 19. Moments 20. Hosted

Matching sentence: 1. Event 2. Amazed 3. Local 4. Mixed 5. Pinn 6. Season 7. Commission 8. Explore 9.

Perform 10. Special

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