



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** /'æks.ɛs/ (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** /'ləʊ.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?
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.

Gap-Fill

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 DirecTV 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

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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