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**Pascagoula Hosts Special Events This Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
***Public Invited to the Fishing Rodeo and Historical Marker Dedication***

**Pascagoula, MS (June 19, 2019)** –This Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> brings a full day of excitement to this coastal community.

- The City of Pascagoula, Main Street Pascagoula and the Pascagoula Men’s club present the annual Inshore Challenge & Cobia/Snapper Shootout Fishing Rodeo at Lighthouse Park (3621 Frederic Street) from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join us for a fun, family-friendly day complete with live music, food and raffle prizes. Mr. Calvin Parker is this year’s Honorary Weigh Master. Bring a comfy chair, listen to the music, and relax in the shade of the Highway 90 high-rise bridge. (Interested in registering? Call Chris Langston at (901) 813-6015 or visit Pascagoula Men’s Club on Facebook.)
- At 6:00 pm, also at the Lighthouse Park gazebo, Main Street Pascagoula will host a dedication of a Historic Marker commemorating the 1973 UFO encounter involving Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson on the banks of the Pascagoula River. The historic marker dedication will take place next to the Lighthouse Park boat launches, where the Fishing Rodeo weigh in takes place.
- In a sendoff ceremony honoring the 859<sup>th</sup> Vertical Engineer Company of the Mississippi Army National Guard, based in Pascagoula, soldiers and their families will be honored by officials as they prepare to deploy to the Middle East. Mayor Dane Maxwell will host this event, and although not open to the public, the City of Pascagoula will stream the 10:00 am Sendoff live on their You Tube Channel. A Proclamation was signed at last night’s City Council Meeting, honoring the Company and declaring next Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> “Hometown Heroes” Day. Next Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> the Company leaves Pascagoula’s National Guard Armory as a group and heads to Ft. Bliss in Texas for training and preparations for their departure later this summer to Kuwait. For More Information, please Contact Lauri Smith at (228) 217-2824.