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Pelicanpalooza features 5 Finger Discount, Weathered, Bag of Donuts and Contraflow

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When Ashley Belding and Brandy Landry came up with the idea for Pelicanpalooza in 2003, it was going to be a one-time concert to benefit Camp Pelican, a free weeklong camp for Louisiana children with chronic and debilitating lung diseases.



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But the local cover bands that volunteered to perform at the family-friendly event had such a great time for such a great cause it has become an annual celebration at Southport Hall.

"We'd pay to be in it," Jim Hanley said. "It's a great concert and one of the most fun shows we get to play."

Hanley, who has been playing at Pelicanpalooza with Weathered since 2008, says his band will be in it for "as long as it goes on."

"It's an opportunity for us to play for the kids who go to the camp," he said. "We'll put on our show Sunday just like any other show, but we'll get the kids up on the stage and just let them have a good time."

When Belding first asked Weathered to be part of the benefit, Hanley didn't know anything about Camp Pelican.

"But after meeting the kids and the