



JULY 2020

WALA
METEOROLOGIST
JASON SMITH



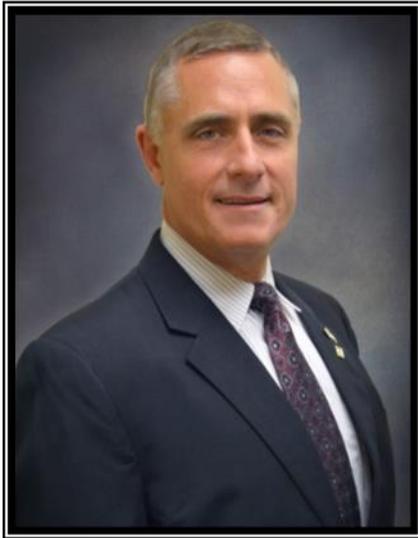
THE CORNER

SouthWest Mobile County
Chamber of Commerce
Serving All of South Mobile County

“In Step With Progress” *A message from the President*

It has been a rough few months, but our members have persevered and most businesses have reopened to some degree. The industrial sector has stayed surprisingly stable and even strong throughout; and construction was steady. While retailers struggled with store closures, online sales boomed, so distribution also remained stable despite some supply chain interruptions.

Transportation remained robust with the exception of airlines. However, our entertainment and hospitality sectors suffered greatly and are still significantly challenged with occupancy restrictions; and sadly some restaurants may not reopen. Please remember to support our members especially our restaurants and hotels.



The Chinese corona virus is still out there and widespread testing has discovered more cases, but the good news is hospitalizations are down and manageable. As we continue to protect the vulnerable, businesses are navigating the challenges and hopefully we will gradually get past the restrictions.

We resumed our monthly luncheon in June; it was well attended and folks were glad to visit again. We announced our Business of the Year at that lunch; congratulations to Mechelle Davis with Infinite Insurance Solutions!

Please check the calendar as events resume. The next Coffee at the Chamber will be held on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:30 a.m. Please join us for some healthy networking. Our annual Kid's Day will be Saturday, July 25th; we are collecting school supplies for hundreds of underprivileged kids. Please ask Tina how you can help.

Our speaker for July is Jason Smith with WALA Fox 10. Please join us for lunch at 11:30 on Wednesday, July 1st at the Chamber. Have a happy Independence Day! Enjoy the holiday with your families, but take time to be thankful we live in the United States of America .

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JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1** **SWMCC SMALL BUSINESS LUNCHEON**
When: July 1 at 11:30 a.m. Begin Networking
Guest Speaker: JASON SMITH - WALA
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: Chamber Office 251-666-2846
Cost: \$12 for Members and
\$15 for Potential Members
Sponsor: THE CAN MAN

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**RIBBON CUTTING
AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**
12:00—1:00 P.M.
6585 CAROL PLANTATION RD.
THEODORE, AL



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CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT
PH NATURALS
4:30 PM—6:00 PM
3266 International Dr. Suite 1
Mobile, AL 36606



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PRIMARY RUNOFF
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
DON'T MISS YOUR
CHANCE TO MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ENDS TODAY

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Coffee with the Chamber
Sponsored by: Core Mastery

When: July 21 at 7:30 am
Where: 5055 Carol Plantation Rd
Contact: Chamber Office 251-666-2846



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SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce **SMALL BUSINESS LUNCHEON**

EVENT TICKETS ARE LIMITED. RSVP to reserve your seat! Tickets can be purchased online.

JULY 1, 2020

Networking 11:30 am / Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm

Chief Meteorologist Jason Smith has provided weathercasts on WALA for more than 20 years. He has served as Chief Meteorologist for the past 10 years.

Jason was promoted to the prime-time weather position following the retirement of John Edd Thompson in 2009. While at WALA, Meteorologist Jason Smith has tracked a number of notable tropical systems, including Hurricanes Ivan, Katrina, and Michael. He has also covered countless other severe weather events. Jason is the host of Fox Ten Outdoors, which features fishing, hunting, and related activities on Fox Ten. His interest in fishing and the outdoors helped to spark his passion for meteorology.

Jason grew up in the Deep South, living in cities such as Jackson, Birmingham, Dothan, and Destin. His family moved here in 1992 and he has called Mobile home ever since.

Jason is a graduate of the University of Mississippi where he majored in English and Journalism. He also holds a certificate in Broadcast Meteorology from Mississippi State University. Jason is also a National Weather Association Seal holder.

Meteorologist Jason Smith has five children and enjoys living here on the Gulf Coast.



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LUNCH MENU:

Salad
Lasagna
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Brownie Truffle
Tea - Sweet and Unsweet

Please RSVP to 251-666-2846 or info@swmcchamber.com
\$12 for Members & \$15 for Potential Members

2020

HURRICANE SEASON

2020 ATLANTIC NAMED STORMS

<i>Arthur</i>	<i>Edouard</i>	<i>Isaias</i>	<i>Marco</i>	<i>Rene</i>
<i>Bertha</i>	<i>Fay</i>	<i>Josephine</i>	<i>Nana</i>	<i>Sally</i>
<i>Cristobal</i>	<i>Gonzalo</i>	<i>Kyle</i>	<i>Omar</i>	<i>Teddy</i>
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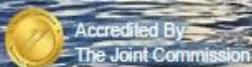
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7th Annual



SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Kids' Day

DRIVE

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

JULY 25th
10 AM - 2PM

THRU



Join us for a fun drive thru event to help children from ages 4-12 prepare to go BACK TO SCHOOL! Free backpacks and school supplies are being given away to the first 500 participants. A parent or guardian must be present, with child, to receive the supplies.

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Free School Supplies

Health Resources & Giveaways

For more information contact the Chamber office
at (251)666-2846.

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MOBILE, AL 36619**

PILOT

Sponsored by SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce and ADJUSTERS GIVE BACK

2020 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

WINNER!

Congratulations



At Infinite Insurance Solutions, Mechelle's overall goal is to build strong, trusting relationships with individuals and business owners which would allow her to provide outstanding service to her consumers.



Chamber President Pete Riehm presented the Business of the Year award at our June 3 Business Luncheon.

BUSINESS INSIGHT

This week we are going to tackle a personal marketing issue head-on.

RESUMES.

With the current job market, I feel this is something many of you might find helpful. The other night I was reviewing some resumes for a peer, and I was surprised at how lackluster, and I am being kind, the resumes were. I am not judging them based on the jobs held or lack of experience, because the position these resumes were for was an entry-level position. So I wanted to write down some thoughts for those of you out there that might be currently looking for work and wanting to revise or create a current Resume.



If you see a job posted on Facebook, make sure to read the posting closely. Oftentimes the person requesting resumes may put instructions in the job posting that should be followed in order to demonstrate that you can pay attention to details. So if you apply for a job using Facebook, and the requester asked for resumes via a specific email address please follow the directions specifically. As someone that regularly receives resumes via Facebook, it does a really poor job of illustrating your qualifications. So make sure you are following directions and going the extra mile to show that you are qualified and willing to make yourself stand out.

When you do send your resume through email. Make sure to send it in a PDF format. Do not send a Word Doc. Not everyone has Word. If I open a Word Doc on a Mac, the formatting is most certainly not going to be the same. Also, do NOT send a link to a Google Doc and then force me to request access to the document. I won't. This will be a quick disqualification for me!

Suggestions: Pay attention to formatting in your resume. Your resume should make good use of variable font sizes, and bold and italicized text. It also looks nice to use line dividers to separate sections of your text. Jobs should be listed with your most recent or current job first and then listed in descending order. Make sure that all of your personal contact information is at the top of the document. You should include your name, phone number, email address, and home address as part of that information. Your skill summary should also be included, but speak specifically to the job position and why you think you would be an asset to that specific company. As far as listing your experience, it should be bullets under the heading for each of your jobs.

The biggest requirement? Sell yourself. And no I am not talking about a skills section where you tell me "how fast a learner you are", "how well you work under pressure", or "how you put in your all in each job". Those should be illustrated by the responsibilities you are given at the jobs you have had in the past. What I am talking about is listing your experience and showing that you have graduated from smaller less important tasks to larger more key tasks. Tell me how you went from busboy to shift supervisor. Tell me how you went from receptionist to executive assistant. Make sure to talk about how you brought value to the company/person you worked for previously.

If you have any questions regarding this or any of your advertising/marketing needs, email me at marcus@bluefishds.com



NEW 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Josh Woods is the Executive Director of the Greater Gulf State Fair and the 150 acre facility they affectionately call The Grounds.

Josh has lived in Mobile County all his life and is a proud graduate of the University of South Alabama. He graduated with a Finance degree and prior to his current position, spent a decade in the banking industry. Josh deeply enjoys the work he does and loves being part of producing events where the community can gather to make unforgettable memories.

In his free time, Josh enjoys reading, attending other Fairs, gardening with his three sons (Isaiah, Micah, and Noah), and spending time with his wife Kristin. He and his family live in West Mobile.



REGISTER NOW FOR



Monday, September 21st, 2020

Heron Lakes Country Club
3851 Government Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36693

Benefits of Participation

- Advertise to Target Market
- Distribute New Information
- Create Brand Awareness
- B2B Networking
- Increase Customer Database
- Promote Products & Services
- Customer Relationships

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REAL ESTATE CORNER BY RON SIVAK

Jacksonville-based ACME Barricades has leased some 5,000 square feet of office and warehouse space located at 3100 Lees Lane off of Halls Mill Road in West Mobile with plans to open in late July. The company has 14 offices spread throughout the state of Florida and this will be the company's first venture into Alabama with expectations for more expansion into the region in the near future.

The company manufactures and sells traffic control equipment and offers services ranging from barricades, channeling devices to pavement marking. Sharon Wright with White-Spinner Realty handled the transaction for both the landlord and tenant in the deal.

Bryant Bank recently announced the lease of some 3,220 square feet of office space, with drive-thru access, located at 6151 Airport Blvd. in West Mobile. This will be their first bank branch in the area with expectations to open by mid-July. The site formerly housed the Singing River Credit Union until it was acquired by Fort Rucker-based All in Federal Credit Union (formerly Army Aviation Federal Credit Union).

Marietta Urquhart with White-Spinner Realty represented the tenant. Lewis Golden with Hamilton and Company LLC. worked for the owners.

The CBD Organic Store, headquartered at 7390 Moffett Road in Semmes with a second shop in West Mobile, announced a third location (first in Baldwin County) anticipated to open late summer of this year.

Marl M. Cummings IV with Cummings & Associates Inc. handled the lease of the 800-square-foot retail space inside the Blakely Square Shopping Center next to Rouses in Spanish Fort. The locally owned retailer will employ over ten workers between all three sites.

Stirling Properties' Mobile office recently brokered the sale of a former dental office located at 451 S. Broad Street in downtown Mobile. The new owner, West Mobile-based Imperial Primary Health and Home Care Services LLC was represented by LeFlore Real Estate. Plans are in place for the medical space to begin operations in early July. Amanda Goldman worked for the seller in the transaction.

The Turrens Law Firm recently leased some 500 square feet of office space on the 12th floor of the historic Waterman-Smith Building in Mobile, according to the owner, bankruptcy attorney Lanice L. Turrens. Josh W. Hall with NAI Mobile managed the lease transaction for the landlord.

West End Nutrition has leased 1,200 square feet of retail space in Vigouroux Marketplace located at 9948 Airport Blvd. in West Mobile. The health food retailer is anticipated to open sometime in September. Angie McArthur with Stirling Properties handled the transaction on behalf of the tenant.



*Christmas
in July*



CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

HOW ABOUT A SAVE THE DATE?

**SWMCC Christmas Parade will be
Saturday, December 5th
at 10:30 A.M.**

CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATIONS:

Applications are available at the Chamber office or visit www.swmccchamber.com to download the application.

Parade sponsorship is also available.

For more information contact

251-666-2846

or info@swmccchamber.com



**4TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**
will be Monday

November 30th @ 5:30 pm

*Mark your calendar for this wonderful
community event!*

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Singing River Health System Announces Plans to Acquire Garden Park Medical Center

*Organizations to further strong working relationship to
advance care along the coast*

PASCAGOULA, MS, June 15, 2020 – Singing River Health System has signed an asset purchase agreement to acquire Garden Park Medical Center in Gulfport from HCA Healthcare. The transaction is expected to be finalized later this summer subject to customary approvals and closing conditions. Singing River and Garden Park know each other well, having worked closely together on a number of successful initiatives, including Singing River's cardiovascular program and more recently through navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Both organizations are known for providing excellent care to communities along the Gulf Coast. Garden Park, like Singing River's two hospitals, was recently recognized for outstanding quality and patient safety by the nationally renowned Leapfrog Ratings Group. The hospitals are the only three hospitals on

the Mississippi Gulf Coast to receive the "A" patient safety rating.

Singing River Health System is the community based, not-for-profit healthcare provider for Jackson County and surrounding areas on the Gulf Coast. As one of the county's largest employers, the system offers award winning, comprehensive care for every age and stage. Singing River Health System is committed to the highest quality standards and is an accredited Blue Cross Blue Shield Center of Excellence. Singing River provides both critical and acute health services, charitable assistance, and leads numerous educational and community outreach programs. We strengthen the local economy by recruiting more than 300 of the very best physicians and other professionals to our community, while providing adequate jobs, wages and benefits to approximately 2,600 employees and their families. Through this dedication, we help improve the health of the community while making it a better place to live and work.

For more information please visit us on our website at www.singingriverhealthsystem.com.

COASTAL 150 UPDATE

The Senate voted 65-19 last Friday morning to advance the Great American Outdoors Act (S.3422) the bill that dedicates and makes mandatory \$18.5 billion of OCS revenue over 10 years to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and substantially fund the deferred maintenance in our national parks. This Legislation would permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund with mineral revenues generated off the coast of Gulf Producing States without lifting the cap on GOMESA revenue.

While these are indeed worthy causes, the injustice here is that this \$18.5 billion comes out of revenues generated in the Gulf of Mexico without allocating a fair share to the state's that help produce these revenues. This Legislation would allocate an average of \$1.85 billion a year of mostly OCS revenues for 10 years to outdoor recreation and national parks maintenance around the nation- while GOMESA funds are capped at only \$375 million a year.

GOMESA revenues are the only permanent source of funding for Gulf Producing states to preserve and enhance our shorelines. Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) also made a pitch to get an amendment on offshore revenue sharing, which has not gotten a vote, included in the bill, saying that it would pass. "It deserves a vote, it would pass. It protects so many lives," Cassidy said. The Majority Leader, Senator McConnell, opposed all amendments and invoked procedural moves to block amendments to the bill, thus killing any shot to remove the cap for GOMESA.

Final Senate passage of the Great American Outdoors Act is expected sometime this week and then will go on to the House. The Great American Outdoors Act will move to the House of Representatives after the Senate vote early next week. A no amendments strategy can be expected in the House as well. However, given the urgent issues facing the nation on COVID-19 and policing, there may be an opening for a GOMESA provision being added to The Great American Outdoors Act in the House.

CAP is working with other GOMESA states in being vocal to Gulf States congressional delegations to ask them to amend this bill and lift the GOMESA cap. CAP will keep fighting and believe that any legislation allocating OCS revenue without including more OCS revenue for the gulf producing states is both unacceptable and insulting.



In Loving Memory

Walter Edward Harrison Sr., age 85, passed away on Monday, June 8th, 2020, surrounded by his family in Mobile, Alabama. Walter was born January 7th, 1935 in Crichton, Alabama. He and his wife Shirley raised two children together. Walter served in the National Guard, Dixie Division, the U.S. Army from April 1957 to April 1959, in Korea, and in the United States National Defense Corp in the Third Brigade. He was elected as an Alabama State Constable for Precinct #94 and proudly served from January 2008 until his death. Walter was laid to rest on Monday June 15, 2020, at Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



Walter was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather who loved spending time with his family. He was a friend to everyone and had a wonderful sense of humor. He found great joy in helping others through volunteering at various shelters, selflessly dedicating hours of labor during the deadly storms Ivan and Katrina among others. Walter enjoyed fishing, and watching Alabama Football as their greatest fan. Walter will be missed by all who knew him and his presence will be missed at our Chamber.



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Our Chamber's mission is to foster, promote, advance, and improve the civic, commercial and general business interests of the surrounding areas and to cooperate with other communities promoting objectives for the improvement of our business and the welfare of our community.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Camellia Trophy & Specialties

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Meadowlake Elementary School

Millsaps and associates

New Day Ministries

North Mobile Internet Services, Inc.

Theodore High School

OUTSTANDING OFFICER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Officer Evelyn Gaines, on receiving the June Outstanding Officer of the Month with Mobile Police Precinct 2. Gaines was presented with the award at the monthly business luncheon on June 3, 2020. The hard work and dedication she has given reflects an exemplary contribution to our community. Officer Gaines, you are appreciated and your work doesn't go unnoticed.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH JULY 17TH
HELP US MAKE OUR KIDS DAY ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL EFFORT IN SUPPORTING
OUR COMMUNITY!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Protractor
Composition books
3"- 3Ring Binder
Glue Sticks
Subject dividers
Loose-leaf Paper
Blue or black pens

Facial tissues
Colored pencils
#2 Pencils
Scissors
Crayons
Hand Wipes
Paper Towels

Drop off items at the
Tillman's Corner
Community Center
through July 17th



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If you haven't already done so
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Mobile's response rate is at
59.7%, let's do our part to get
that number up!

Be Counted!



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We are here for you!
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