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July 2022

SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY

CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE



Letter From the President

Summer has officially begun, and we are feeling the heat. Not only outside but also in our partner's businesses. We continue to see growth and new business coming to our area and our partners are joining in our vision and our strategies for empowering business. Our partners are volunteering at events, donating their time, money, and resources, and sharing their business knowledge with others. It is for these reasons, that we are so proud to call them our partners and are forever grateful for their service to our chamber.

Speaking of hot, we are getting geared up for Kid's Day (aka the hottest day of the year). Tina, the event committee, and her staff are going all out this year and plan to make this the largest Kid's Day event yet. We will be giving away an estimated 1200 book-bags full of school supplies and a variety of school uniforms. As always, we can use your support with this event either by volunteering your time or donating school supplies. If you'd like to participate as a vendor or volunteer, please reach out to the office to get signed up.

You don't want to miss our July Business Luncheon. You will hear from some of your favorite local non-profits and listen to what they are doing right here in our own back yard. We will be awarding our 2nd Annual Non-Profit Give Back. The TALL Scholarship Program will begin soon for this year also. We've received a record number of applications this year and are excited to review them and select our 2023 recipients.

Chris Black

"Empowering Business"



MISSION

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 businesses and the welfare of our community.

JULY EVENT CALENDAR



Chamber Office Closed

Business Luncheon

TIME: 11:30am - 1:00pm

WHERE: John C. Williams Auditorium

RSVP: 251.666.2846 or www.swmcchamber.com

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Coffee with the Chamber

TIME: 7:30am - 8:30am

WHERE: John C. Williams Auditorium

Start your morning with Coffee, Refreshments, & NETWORKING.

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Kid's Day Festival

TIME: 9:00am - 1:00pm

WHERE: Tillman's Corner Community Center

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We need YOU!



Diplomats are a voluntary position at our Chamber. Considered the goodwill arm of the Chamber, they play an essential role in partner

communication and retention. Being a Diplomat can be a time commitment, but will benefit your business in addition to benefitting the Chamber. Active Diplomats generally receive a higher level of word-of-mouth referrals and direct business from fellow members. Talking about the Chamber is an excellent ice breaker, and the relationship you build is just that - yours. Are you looking for a way to expand your network and grow your business while volunteering for the Chamber? Then contact us today info@swmcchamber.com or 251-666-2846.



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SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

LET'S GET WILD FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES. OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL AS MANY BACKPACKS AS POSSIBLE. AN EXAMPLE OF ITEMS NEEDED IS LISTED BELOW AND MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED.

- Backpacks
- Packs of Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Index Cards
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Books
- Three Ring Binders
- Ballpoint Pins
- Packs of #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Markers (thin & thick)
- Boxes of Crayons
- Highlighters
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Calculators
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Bottle White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Pouch
- Crayon Boxes
- Erasers
- Dividers
- 3 Prong Folders

UNIFORMS NEEDED





SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE **JULY BUSINESS LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

5 on 5 Non-Profit



EVENT TICKETS ARE LIMITED. RSVP to reserve your seat!
Tickets can be purchased online at www.swmcchamber.com
or call the office to pay by phone at 251-666-2488.

5 on 5 Non-Profit



Inspired by Christ's call to heal the sick, Victory Health Partners is a non-profit medical practice that provides affordable, quality healthcare to the thousands of adults who are not covered by health insurance in our Gulf Coast community. Our partnerships are vital to the fulfillment of our mission. With a network of over 160 specialists ranging from cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons, dermatologists, etc., the barriers once blocking the path of our patients' recovery are now removed so they now have the ability to receive the care they need. Our

patients may be the hairdresser who is uninsured and unable to afford the insulin for her diabetes, a small business owner who is unable to afford the high cost of healthcare for his employees and himself, a single parent who struggles to pay rent and feed their children.



The Shoulder is a private facility certified by the Alabama State Department of Mental Health that maintains a Christ-centered focus on recovery. The Shoulder was founded in 1988 by a men's prayer group who recognized the need for a treatment facility for substance abuse in our community. The Shoulder now operates two residential substance abuse treatment facilities, our men's campus in Spanish Fort and our women's campus in Mobile. We encourage self-efficacy by offering clinical services in the evenings for level III.

clients which allows clients to maintain full-time employment during the day. While in treatment, clients receive individual and group counseling, case management, spirituality groups, yoga, equine therapy, access to an on-site nurse, room and board, and meals. Clients participate in a life skills curriculum which includes anger management, codependency, relapse prevention, triggers, denial, costs of use, the 12 Steps and other subjects.



The American Cancer Society exists to improve the lives of cancer patients and their families. We are the only organization that integrates discovery, advocacy, and direct patient support to measurably improve lives. Our discovery research leads to breakthroughs in preventing, finding, and treating cancer. Our advocacy work removes barriers to care so people in every community can have an opportunity to access those breakthroughs. Through direct patient support, we connect people in every community with essential programs and support services throughout their cancer journey. While cancer

affects everyone, it doesn't affect everyone equally. Through our commitment to these areas of focus, we are working to ensure everyone has a fair and just opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.



Y. Mechelle Davis is the Founder/Executive Director of Infinite Opportunities which started in her kitchen on Christmas morning of 2014. Cooking dinner with her family, they decided to fix Christmas Dinner plates and take out to the homeless. They made it an annual Family event which grew larger each year. As the homeless population increased, more need was requested so she formed a 501c3 in 2019—Infinite Opportunities. This was at the beginning of the pandemic. As people started losing their jobs, businesses closing their doors, and other food banks shutting down, Infinite Opportunities became what the community needed at that time. The need now was coming from individuals

and families running out of resources. They created an entire Food pantry inside of her Insurance Agency feeding over 500 people per month.



Ronald McDonald House Charities in Mobile provides a supportive home environment offering care, compassion, and hope to families with seriously ill and injured children being treated at area hospitals. Here in Mobile, the person who got our House started was Gray Zimlich. Her son Day had a brain tumor when he was 10 years old and they stayed in the Ronald McDonald House in Boston. On the way home, Day told his mother Mobile needed a Ronald

McDonald House and she promised him she would make it happen. Our House took in its first family in February 2000. We have the distinction of being the first new House of the new millennium. Originally, Ronald McDonald House of Mobile could accommodate up to 12 families but after an expansion our House can hold up to 38 families.

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



Waterproofing Solutions - Home Repair - Renovations

Poplar Home Waterproofing LLC is a local and family-owned business in West Mobile. Started in 2019 by Amanda and William Edwards, the focus of the company is to provide a full-service solution for your home's foundation, structural, exterior, and waterproofing needs. Poplar Home Waterproofing strives to provide a more cost-efficient solution by looking at each job independently and coming up with the best solution for that home without over selling, but still meeting the needs of the home and owner. We can remediate molded wood, repair wood rot, or repair termite damage before it's too late. We can teach you what causes moisture in your crawl space, and provide the most efficient and cost-effective solution. We can show you what causes a wet basement and how to fix the problem before it intrudes further in to your home. With 10+ years' experience in structural and foundation repair and waterproofing solutions, the PHW team prides itself on being a small but effective operation, offering a professional but personable experience from start to finish.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH



Officer Joshua Weaver was presented with the Outstanding Officer of the month certificate at the June Business Luncheon. Officer Weaver is a 9 year veteran of the

Mobile Police Department and we are honored to have him in Precinct 2. His dedication and hard work throughout the community earned him this award. Thank you Officer Weaver for all you do.



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Pratt Thomas with the Merrill P. Thomas Company recently announced the final lease of two floorplans inside the Providence Plaza Shopping Center last month, which pushed the center to 100 percent occupancy. The names of both businesses were unreleased as of press time.

First, the 1,500 square foot, Unit B space (previously occupied local retailer, Magnolia Classics) will house a new, locally owned high-end hair salon and personal care services center. A grand opening is slated for early fall of this year.

Secondly, an 1,850 square foot restaurant (space previously occupied by Montego's) will inhabit Unit C at the shopping center. The new tenant will reportedly be a regionally acclaimed restaurant, and grand opening expected to take place before the end of this year.

Providence Plaza is anchored by Providence Hospital, a 349-bed acute care hospital located on a 277-acre campus and the Walmart Neighborhood Market on Airport Blvd near the intersection of Hillcrest Rd.

A warehouse and office site, covering over 27,000 square feet, sitting on 1.61 acres, and located at 4070 Halls Mill Rd. in West Mobile, sold for \$989,000 last month to an investor. The announcement was made by the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Cooper & Company Inc. media group. Broker David Cooper with the company's commercial division worked with both the buyer and seller in the transaction.

Mike Reid with the Merrill P. Thomas Co., Inc represented both the seller (Full Gospel Native Missionary), and buyer (Blue Pines Hideaway Holdings LLC.) in the sale of some 6.3 acres of land located at 1705 Dauphin Island Pkwy in West Mobile for \$705,256. The property was formerly home to a Ramada Inn and has good service road access to the local I-10 interstate.

The acreage is also located near to the Downtown Mobile Airport, the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley, the Airbus Final Assembly Line Plant, a U.S. Army Reserve Military Base and Daher Aerospace. The buyer purchased this property as an investment and future development plans were unknown as of press time.

Westlake, Ohio-based TA Travel Center has purchased 41 acres of land on Jack Springs Road in Atmore for \$1.15 million. Amanda Goldman with Stirling Properties handled the transaction for both the buyer and seller. Development of a full truck stop, and retail store will begin in earnest this summer with a completion date anticipated for some time next year.

Locally owned Yinzer's Brew & Grill has leased a new 1,250-square-foot space located at 10758 Co Rd 64 in Daphne, with plans to open early October 2022. Amanda Goldman with Stirling Properties handled the transaction.

By Ron Sivak
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The FIVE S's for SUN SAFETY

SLIP on a shirt

To protect against the sun, cover arms and legs with clothing. Special clothing items are marked with labels indicating their UV protection factor (UPF).

SLIDE on sunglasses

The ideal sunglasses should block 99% to 100% of UVA and UVB rays. Before you buy, read the label.



SLOP on sunscreen

Make sure to always read and follow the label directions on your sunscreen, and apply sunscreen generously - and often.

SEEK some shade

Simply staying in the shade is one of the best ways to limit your exposure to the sun and harmful UV rays.



SLAP on a hat

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Who Are My Elected Officials?



Commissioner Connie Hudson has been an active member of the Mobile community for more than 25 years with extensive volunteer and public service experience. She served nine years as the District 6 representative on the Mobile City Council before her election in 2010 as the District 2 representative on the Mobile County Commission. She has participated in major economic development initiatives such as the Mobile area's site

selection for the ThyssenKrupp Steel Plant (now AM/NS Calvert), Austal USA, the Airbus U.S. Final Assembly Line at Brookley Aeroplex, the Airbus A220 Expansion, the Walmart Distribution and Amazon Sortation Centers, and the South Alabama Logistics Park.

Commissioner Hudson led the initiative to build the 20,000 sq. ft. senior recreation center in west Mobile, which opened in 2007 and was named in her honor by the Mobile City Council in May of 2013. She currently serves as President Emeritus of the all-volunteer non-profit MRSCC Foundation that was incorporated to provide resources for the Connie Hudson Mobile Regional Senior Community Center. She initiated the project to build the Mobile County Bicentennial Pavilion in Medal of Honor Park and spearheaded efforts to purchase and renovate property off of Moffett Road to establish the Semmes Senior Center in 2013 and the Center's expansion that opened in June of 2021.

She has championed other capital projects including a Mobile County Recycling Drop-Off Center which was completed in November 2014, parks and recreational improvements, such as the Semmes Community Center and Semmes Fire Training Tower, Tanner Williams Community Park and Medal of Honor Park upgrades, construction of a 10-field soccer complex and aquatic center near I-10 and I-65, and the purchase, renovation, and expansion of the Escatawpa Hollow Park and Campground. She has also directed over \$84 million in Pay-As-You-Go Transportation Program funding within District 2.

Commissioner Hudson's educational background includes a B. S. degree in Biological Sciences from Troy University. She completed an Internship in Medical Technology at the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center where she served as a Staff Technologist, Hematology Specialist, MT (ASCP) SH, and Pathology Instructor for the Mobile Infirmary School of Radiation Therapy Technology. Commissioner Hudson is also an Academy of Real Estate graduate and received licensure by the Alabama Real Estate Commission.

She has been married for 42 years to Dennis Hudson, a retired BASF Senior Staff Engineer. The Hudsons have three children: Brian, Julie, and Dana.

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DIPLOMAT SPOTLIGHT



Michael Hayes is the owner of Proshield Termite and Pest Control. They are a family-owned business that has been in the pest control industry for over 30 years. They provide effective services to both Mobile and Baldwin Counties, including termite treatments, rodent removal, and general insect extermination.

Proshield offers Residential, Commercial, Green, and Mosquito pest control. Michael

is a Mobile native and married to his lovely wife Linda. They have 2 daughters, Kitty and Stephanie and 1 son, Noah. Michael loves to fish and travel with his family.

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