

THE CORNER

JUNE 2023



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Letter From the President

Everyone we meet or come into contact with during our life's journey will have an influence or impact on us in one way or another whether we realize it or not. Some people we remember as positive encounters and some were bad experiences that we wish we could just simply forget about. Anyone who has ever met Susan Williams would definitely have to say that she was a positive influence on their life and that they were a better person for having known her. She was a major part of our community and Chamber family and will always be remembered for her outgoing personality and sense of humor. I am definitely a better person for having known her and I will miss being able to laugh with her and pick on her about her snack stash. Rest in peace our good friend, you are missed.

Our next luncheon will be on June 7th with our County Commissioner Randall Dueitt as guest speaker. Thank you to our luncheon sponsor for June D.R. Horton Homes . D'Micheals will be catering his Famous Philly Cheesesteaks and Chicken Cheesesteaks. Networking starts at 11:30. Invite your co-workers, a potential partner, or a friend to join us.

We are still in need of all the volunteers and sponsors we can get for our kids day event on July 29th. This is one of our biggest events of the year and we are able to impact hundreds of young lives with school supplies, uniforms, and backpacks as well as having the opportunity to address their parents with our business opportunities. Make sure your business is represented at our event. Register for your booth today!

My favorite free event will be happening on June 20th. Our Coffee with the Chamber event begins with coffee and breakfast at 7:30 and ends up with networking . Everyone that attends the Coffee with the Chamber will be given the opportunity to share and highlight their business. Make sure to add this event to your monthly calendar.

Hoping everyone has a safe and happy start to the summer season and remember that we always have "Strength in Numbers".

Curtis Polk

BLP Stores Division Manager

"Strength in Numbers"



JUNE EVENT CALENDAR

2 **Sponsorship Flag Removal**

Please consider volunteering to help our Staff, Board, and Diplomats put away sponsorship flags.

3 **T.A.L.L. Deadline** **Class of 2024**

Apply before June 3rd, 2023!!

Applications are available online or can be picked up in the SWMCC office.

7 **Monthly Business Luncheon**

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: John C. Williams Auditorium

Speaker: County Commissioner Randall Dueitt

14 **Flag Day**



Take a moment to commemorate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the United States of America's official flag.

18 **Happy Father's Day**

We would like to say thank you to all of the fathers out there, we appreciate all you do!



20 **Coffee With The Chamber**

Start Your Morning With Coffee & Networking 7:30-8:30. No reservations needed. Make this a priority to come and meet other Business Professionals over coffee.

20 **Coffee Chat**

We will be taking a break from our monthly Coffee Chat through June and July. We hope you will join us for extended fellowship time.

20 **T.A.L.L. Interviews** **Class of 2024**

Selected applicants will be brought in for the interview process between 9:00am and 3:00pm.



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JUNE BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 7th, 2023

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



Commissioner Randall Dueitt, a native of Theodore and lifelong resident of Mobile County, was elected to represent the people of District 3 in 2020. He is a 23-year veteran of the Mobile County Sheriff's Office and views service as District 3's Commissioner to be a natural progression of his previous quarter-century of public service in law enforcement. A guiding principle for his service is to leave the community better than he found it.

His goals are to contribute to the successful growth of Mobile County by listening to constituents, assisting

economic development efforts through partnerships and collaboration, and by supporting schools, community centers and local businesses. Commissioner Dueitt believes it is important that he be an active participant in the success of his community and has pledged to be available, transparent and productive as District 3's Commissioner.

He firmly intends to spend the majority of his time in District 3, not in the County Commission office downtown, as this is the only way to ensure he is able to be accessible and to meet the needs of his District, such as those related to infrastructure, economic development or parks and recreation facilities. An avid outdoorsman, he believes in the importance of protecting and providing community access to the area's natural resources, especially since Mobile County's Bay and Gulf coastlines form the east and south borders of District 3.

Commissioner Dueitt has four children who attend Mobile County Public Schools.



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



Please bring school supply
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Luncheon!!

JUNE LUNCHEON



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Sandwich
Or
Chicken Cheese Steak
Sandwich
With
Chips, Salad, and Dessert**

Split the Pot

1 ticket \$1

6 tickets \$5



Purchase your raffle tickets at the next luncheon . Proceeds will go to our T.A.L.L. Leadership Program

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.

**** \$15.00 Current Partners**

**** \$18.00 for Future Partners**

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DIPLOMAT SPOTLIGHT



My name is Rachel Spann and I work at All In Credit Union at our new branch in Theodore that opened in July 2022. I have been with All In Credit Union since 2014 where I started as a Teller. I have since then worked my way up and I am currently a Branch Manager. I am focused on growing in my role as a Branch Manager and also in the community while striving for a work life balance as a full-time employee and full-time mom. I have two beautiful girls, ages 5 and 8 months. Being a mother is my greatest achievement in life. I am honored to serve as a Diplomat on the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Business After HOURS

Networking at its Best...

We are looking for businesses to host a monthly Business After Hours event at your location. It is a great opportunity to have the Chamber in your office and showcase the many wonderful items you sell, the services you provide or the activities that you perform. Schedule today and get more information on how to get on our calendar for 2023.

Hosting an After Hours Networking event gives members/partners an opportunity to network and socialize in a fun, relaxed atmosphere after the regular working day. This event is meant to be fun and is a great way for business to connect. This is a great way to meet new clients for your business.



Chris Black

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Susan Agnell Williams, 69 of Theodore, Alabama passed away at home on May 24, 2023. She was born May 17, 1954 and was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Agnell (Eloise Brannan Agnell). She is survived by her children Brandon (Carla) Weaver, Christopher (Shannon) Weaver, Christina Ellsworth and her grandchildren Brett Weaver, Abigail Weaver, Ryan Weaver, Lilly Weaver, Peyton Weaver and Eloise Ellsworth. She is also survived by her brother Victor (Kim) Agnell of Mobile.

She attended Little Flower Catholic School and graduated from IMS. She worked at IMS church and school for many years. For the past six years, she was a faithful employee of the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce. In her spare time, she loved to shop and spend time with her grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation with Susan's family will take place at Little Flower Catholic Church on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 11 A.M. with a Mass of Christian Burial immediately following at 12 P.M. Interment will follow at Pine Crest Cemetery. Arrangements are by Ascension Funeral Home, 1016 Hillcrest Road, Mobile, Alabama 36695.

Josh Hall of CRE Mobile, representing the property owner in the transaction, reported last month that McCarron Development leased the 16th-floor penthouse office space in the Waterman-Smith Building located at **61 St. Joseph Street** in Downtown Mobile. **Jay D. Roberts II of CRE Mobile** worked for the tenant.

A.J. McCarron, the former University of Alabama quarterback hailing from Mobile, will occupy the 4,200-square-foot space alongside other investors on his team. McCarron has several developments reportedly in the works around Mobile and Baldwin counties, including the new Topgolf facility set to open later this year at McGowin Park in West Mobile.

The Pillars Mobile found at 1757 Government Street recently reopened after a major remodel and has already played host to a public event, according to a recent news release. The co-owners are siblings **Shelley Gay** and **Bryant Knight**, who moved back to Mobile and bought the building last summer, when the duo immediately began a major remodeling project for weddings and other related events.

The aim was to create a visually entertaining event space by blending colorful wallpaper with mixed decor. Built in 1910, The Pillars Mobile has remained a landmark for locals and visitors over the years under various local ownership. The 8,000-square-foot footprint has eight fireplaces, historic Bellingrath tiles and a 150-year-old-stained glass window in the atrium.

Lush Florist & Gifts has moved from 1910 Government Street to a new site located at 757 Government Street and held a ribbon-cutting event this month to celebrate. The popular floral design and gift shop is owned by Susan George and offers home and garden décor with a full-service florist. The new space will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Additionally, Lush recently leased a location in the Southwood Place shopping center found at **6808 Airport Blvd.** in West Mobile.

Dough Boy Pizza, the latest restaurant concept spun off by **Erica Barrett**, owner of SOCU Southern Kitchen and Oyster Bar, has leased 1,406-square-feet of restaurant space inside the historic Blue Bird Hardware building found at 2724 Old Shell Road, according to **Jay O'Brien of Stirling Properties**, who represented both sides of the transaction.

The 12-unit **55 East Drive Apartments** in West Mobile was sold in May for **\$1.35 million** to a local investor, according to **Cameron Weavil with The Weavil Company**, who represented the buyer in the transaction. **Kenny Nichols of Vallas Realty** represented the sellers in the deal.

Jill Meeks of Stirling Properties reported that **Children's Aid Society of Alabama** has leased some 1,528-square-feet of space found at 5901 Airport Blvd. in West Mobile last month.

FLAG SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

The SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce recognizes special individuals through our flag display on HWY 90 on patriotic holidays.

The flag sponsorship allows you to recognize special individuals through your \$100 donation.

We will pay tribute to your love ones, veterans, children and or businesses each holiday while raising your flag to reflect gratitude and appreciation. The sponsors name will be displayed on our perpetual plaque hanging in the Tillman's Corner Community Center Lobby all year, and we encourage you to stop by and take a look at the individuals who have already sponsored a flag for their loved ones.

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RANSOM MINISTRIES' OPEN HOUSE



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The Armbrusters asked God to show them how they could use the gifts He had given them to bring glory to Him. God gave Matt the idea of a café where anyone could get a hot meal and pay whatever they could afford and Tara the word “ransom” with the scripture Matthew 20:28. When they began to dissect this verse, they discovered the Greek word that is translated “to serve” actually means “one that waits on tables,” and “ransom” meant “to liberate many from misery.” They opened the first Ransom Café in October of 2010 at the Hangar of West Mobile Baptist Church.



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15th**

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Game at 10:00am
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Thank you Officer Christian Holt for your
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Chamber 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.



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