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SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

*Serving All of South West Mobile County*

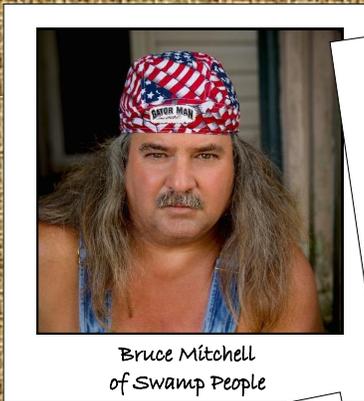
November 2016

Business Luncheon Wednesday, November 2nd

Guest Speaker: CAPT Tom MacDonald, ATC

## Pecan Festival

Alabama



Bruce Mitchell  
of Swamp People



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& Friends



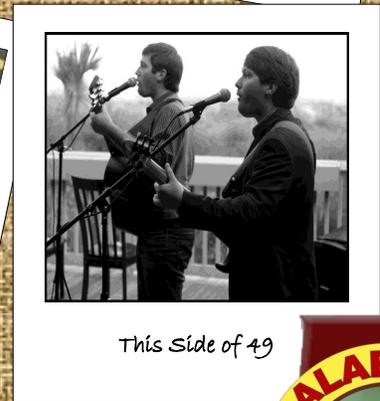
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Kenlee Tillman with  
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The Country Sounds  
With Melvin Farmer



This Side of 49

November  
**4th**  
**5th**  
**6th**

- @ Tillman's Corner Community Center
- Free Entry, Parking & Fun
- Antique Car Show
- Midway Rides
- Petting Zoo & Much More!



## “In Step With Progress”

### Message from the President



Hello to my fellow board members, colleagues and friends. Can you believe how time has flown by this year? Here we are in November where we celebrate and give thanks for all of our many blessings. Have you asked yourself lately, what am I thankful for? We should not wait till Thanksgiving;

this is a question that should be asked year round. I have to tell you, I'm thankful for my health, my job, my wonderful husband of 39 years, my family and friends. As the year is coming to an end and we get ready to start a new beginning in 2017 my hope for each of you is to be happy in every moment of your life. The one thing I have learned this year is life is so precious, and that time is so short and we must enjoy every day as though it is our last. Take each day and be a blessing to someone, show kindness to those less fortunate than us. **“Oh the blessings you will get in return will be powerful”.**

I always like to add a special quote to my message and this one is right on target.

**“It's not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.”**

~W.T. Purkise ~



If you are not a member of the South West Mobile County Chamber of Commerce I strongly urge you to join and be a part of something great. Come get involved the rewards will make you smile.

Blessings to all

*Donna Abercrombie*

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MOBILE COUNTY  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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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.**

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

## Tillman's Corner Lions Club Meeting

When: Nov 1st Noon

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center



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## Tillman's Corner Lions Club Meeting

When: Nov 15th Noon

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center



## MCHD - Flu Shot Clinic

When: Nov 1st 10am-2pm

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center

Cost: Insurance or \$15

21

Deadline for Citizen of the Year Nominations

2

## SWMCCC Business Luncheon

When: Nov 2nd 11:30am-1pm

Guest Speaker: CAPT Tom MacDonald

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center

Contact: Chamber Office 251-666-2488

Cost: \$9 for members and \$11 for nonmembers

Sponsor:  POLY  
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Tillman's Corner Community Center will be CLOSED

4

## Pecan Festival

When: Nov 4th 4pm - until

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center

Contact: Billy Bolton 251-401-5555

Cost: Free Admission



25

Tillman's Corner Community Center will be CLOSED.

We will open for regular business hours

Monday, November 28th.



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## Pecan Festival

When: Nov 5th 10am - until

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center

Contact: Billy Bolton 251-401-5555

Cost: Free Admission

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## Pecan Festival

When: Nov 6th 11am - until

Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center

Contact: Billy Bolton 251-401-5555

Cost: Free Admission

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Deadline for Food Drive



Each year we accept nominations for deserving people with ongoing contribution to the community. We will honor this recipient at an award banquet and recognize their achievements for dedication to the community. We are now accepting nominations for the 2016 SWMCCC Citizen of the Year through Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Pick up a nomination form today at the Chamber office.

# NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

**Invocation Prayer:**  
**LT. David Pahs, USN;**  
United States Coast Guard Chaplain

**Nov 2, 2016**

**Luncheon Food Provided By:**



## **Menu:**

**Grilled Chicken  
Dressing and Gravy  
Green beans w/ Potatoes  
Rolls  
Banana Pudding  
Sweet & Unsweet Tea**

**\$9.00 for Members  
\$11.00 Potential Members**

## **CAPT Tom MacDonald**

Captain MacDonald currently serves as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center (ATC), responsible for all aspects of Coast Guard pilot and aircrew training and fleet standardization for all aircraft types at 26 air stations and 43 flight deck equipped cutters. Additionally the ATC serves as the aviation capabilities development center and provides 24/7 fixed-wing operational response for District Eight and Atlantic Area.

Prior to taking Command, Captain MacDonald was assigned to the Acquisitions Directorate at Coast Guard Headquarters where he served as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Acquisitions Programs, providing executive level support across the entire portfolio of Coast Guard major acquisition projects.

Previously Captain MacDonald served as the ATC Engineering Officer (EO) where he led Coast Guard aviation's largest Aviation Engineering department of 21 aircraft and supported the 5 month response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In 2011, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the ATC where he oversaw daily operations and administration of the unit's \$17 million dollar budget and 550 personnel.



Captain MacDonald is a 1991 graduate of Coast Guard OCS. Upon graduation, he received orders to Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) New Orleans and honed his skills as an HH-65A pilot. In 1995, he was assigned to CGAS Traverse City where he assisted with the closing of CGAS Chicago and stand-up of Air Facility Muskegon. He was selected for Student Engineering training and designated a Coast Guard Aeronautical Engineer in 1998, then transferred to the Polar Operations Division at ATC where he was responsible for the maintenance of 10 HH-65A's and served as the Aviation Detachment EO on the polar icebreaker HEALY's maiden 5 month Arctic deployment. In 2000, he was assigned to CGAS Elizabeth City as the HC-130H EO, where he stood the watch and deployed from South America to Newfoundland. In 2003, he received orders to the C-130J Aircraft Project Office, tasked with development of operational procedures and a logistic support system to prepare the new 'J' for fleet service. He was next assigned as the Long Range Surveillance Product Line Manager at the Aviation Logistics Center, responsible for depot level maintenance, major modification and total logistics support for the Coast Guard's HC-130H and HC-130J fleet.

A career military aviator, Captain MacDonald has held pilot designations in eight military aircraft, is a graduate of Air Force Instructor Pilot School, holds an FAA Airline Transport Pilot rating and has accumulated over 5500 hours of military flight time.

Raised in Tallahassee, FL, Captain MacDonald is a graduate of the University of Florida where he earned a Bachelors of Science Degree – but more importantly met his future wife. He received his Masters of Science Degree in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School of Quality Management.

Captain MacDonald is married to the former Frances (Fran) Prokos of Punta Gorda, FL. They have two beautiful daughters: Kennedy 18 and Sophia 13.

## **Luncheon Sponsor**



**Mobile Office  
5588 Jackson Road  
Mobile, AL 36619  
251-666-2010**



**On Display November 5-12**  
**Opening Ceremony:**  
**2 PM, Sunday, November 6,**  
**Three Notch Rd Entrance**

Flags of Glory is a week-long tribute in honor of America's military service personnel presented by **Mobile Memorial Gardens** in conjunction with **The South Alabama Veterans Council**. It begins with a meaningful ceremony under the oaks near the Three Notch entrance.

More than 250 full-sized U.S. Flags will be placed along the central roadway as a *free* drive-through display during the week of Veterans Day. Each Flag may be sponsored in honor of a Veteran or active Service Member as your opportunity to participate in the tribute. You may honor one or more honorees.

**Flags of Glory**, with you're your help, honors those that have served and sacrificed and helps provide support for Veteran-related causes such as aid for sufferers of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, rehabilitation of homeless Vets, and other local Veteran oriented programs and causes.

Sponsored Flags will have the name of the honoree attached to the pole as an ID tag which the sponsors may have as a keepsake. The names of those honored will be added to the Flags of Glory Online Honor Roll.

Three levels of sponsorship are available:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Gifts of Appreciation</u>
Gold-\$100:	2 Keepsake ID Cards, 1 Commemorative Certificate, 1 Photo Collage
Silver-\$50 :	2 Keepsake ID Cards, 1 Commemorative Certificate
Bronze-\$25:	1 Keepsake ID Card



**Both first time and repeat sponsorships are encouraged!**



For more information, call 661-1333 or visit us at [www.FlagsOfGlory.org](http://www.FlagsOfGlory.org)



**Personal Flag Sponsorship Form(print)**

Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Service Branch:    Army,    Navy,    AF,    Marine,    CG,    MM  
*Flag Sponsor Information*  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Level:    \$25(Bronze),    \$50(Silver),    \$100(Gold)

Mail Completed Form & Check Before November 1st To:

Flags of Glory - c/o Mobile Memorial Gardens,  
 6100 Three Notch Rd., Mobile, AL 36619





With oversized ribbon and shears in hand, the SWMCCC President, Donna Abercrombie, along with TCCC Executive Director, Tina Poiroux, Board Members, Bruce Rogers, Della Wade and Theresa Orrell were excited to help our local Walmart Super Store celebrate the inauguration of their latest venture; accommodating its customers with Online Services, where you can place an order online and it will be waiting for you at the drive through window.

Our State Senator, Bill Hightower, County Commissioner, Jerry Carl and City Councilman, John Williams were also on hand and each congratulated store manager, John Wimsatt and the large group of Walmart Associates who had worked so diligently to get this new venture up and in operation. Mr. Wimsatt said that all customers shopping online will have a personal shopper to handle their order. This is an excellent way for anyone unable to walk through the large stores to get what they need without leaving their car.



Belk Grand Opening Attracts at least 1,000 people on October 12<sup>th</sup> for their festivities at 9 a.m. in the former location of Sears. In addition to featuring Paula Dean, the store gave away gift cards, a DJ spun music and local restaurants offered food samples. Deans arrival brought much excitement with look-alike fans and kissing babies seem to be her favorite. The Mall expansion has brought much needed improvement and with Belk's commitment to a long stay contract to our community which is welcomed by shoppers for the upcoming holiday season.



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# FOOD DRIVE

We are sponsoring "a show your colors" food drive. So pick a team, donate a canned good and see who really has the best fans. Either way this is a win for the community!

**Please turn in all food items by November 14th.**

We are looking for businesses to also get involved and take photos of your food collections at your office and post these pictures on social media ([#SouthWestMobileCountyChamber](https://twitter.com/SouthWestMobileCountyChamber)). These photos will be reviewed and a winner will be chosen at the end of November and we will be recognizing the business that collects the most food.



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# 2016 Alabama Pecan Festival

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>



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**Bruce Mitchell**  
Of Swamp People



**Crafts**

**Family Fun!**

**Pecan Pies**

**Food**

**Friday Night**

"This Side of 49" Band  
**Saturday, Nov. 5**  
Ricky Barnes-MC



**The Country Sounds**  
With Melvin Farmer



**Norman "Joe" Chunn**  
& Friends

9am.....Honor Guard-American Legion  
 9:15am National Anthem by Samantha Tillman Bridges  
 9:20am.....Kenlee Tillman & Jack Tillman  
 10am.... The Country Sounds with Melvin Farmer  
 11am.....Norman "Joe" Chunn & Friends  
 12 Noon.....Crowning 2016 Pecan Queen  
 Intro. of Elected Officials, Dignitaries,  
 Hall of Fame Music Awards  
 1pm.....BlueGrass/Gospel -The Deliverers  
 2pm..... DooWop Show with Charles "Bo" Grant  
 3pm..... The Rockabillies

**Sunday, Nov. 6**  
 11am-4pm..... Sunday Gospel  
 Roy Brock-MC



**Kenlee Tillman with**  
Jack Tillman



**Charles "Bo" Grant**  
Alabama Music Hall of Fame

**Antique Car Show**

**Midway Rides**

**Petting Zoo**

**Antique Tractor Show**



**"This Side of 49"**



**The Deliverers**



**The Rockabillies**

**CRAFT VENDORS NEEDED!**

**\$50<sup>00</sup> per Booth for 3 Days!**  
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for a printable form

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**For More Information Call 251-401-5555**

**[www.alabamapecanfestival.com](http://www.alabamapecanfestival.com)**



# Wreaths for Charity

This is the 4th annual Wreaths for Charity event sponsored by the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce along with local businesses. The wreaths will be made by area schools, churches and civic organizations. They are sold to raise money for families in need.

We want to invite you to participate in this event. It is your participation that enables us to raise the funds necessary for our community programs.

Each wreath will be showcased at our December business luncheon and the breakfast with Santa. During which they will be offered for sale. There are no established size guidelines for the wreaths. All wreaths must be artificial and suitable for hanging on a front door or inside a home or business. There will be a committee judging each wreath and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Winners are chosen by creativity and keeping with the Christmas Theme. Thank you for your friendship and support to the SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce. Together we can make our community a better place. So come out, look at the wreaths and purchase one or more for your home or office.



## UCP Fruit Fundraiser

UCP will be selling fresh fruit NOW through **November 11th**. Please visit [ucpmobile.org](http://ucpmobile.org) for the fruit and combination packs available. The fruit is USDA inspected and Florida Fruit Association approved. All products will be delivered the second week of December. Please submit contact information with order form in order to receive the official pick up date and time via email or phone. Orders may be placed through [ucpmobile.org](http://ucpmobile.org), Square (<https://squareup.com/store/UCPMOBILE/>), or by sending order form and payment to 3058 Dauphin Square Connector Mobile, AL 36607.



## SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce



### *Breakfast with Santa*

December 3rd 8:00am – 9:00am

5055 Carol Plantation Rd.  
Mobile, AL 36619  
251-666-2488

Children 12 & under eat FREE \$5.00 for all persons age 13 and over.

**The SWMCCC Christmas Parade will follow after the breakfast.**

Children will be able to pose for pictures with Santa. There will be a photographer on site to take pictures that will be available on our website:

[www.swmcchamber.com](http://www.swmcchamber.com)

# Member News



The winner of the 2016 Alabama Rural Water Association Taste Test competition was the Mobile County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority, located in Theodore, Alabama. MCWS&FPA is one of the largest rural water systems of Alabama. MCWS&FPA has the capacity to produce over 7 million gallons of drinking water per day, which serves 13,000+ customers in southern Mobile County.

Since 1965, MCWS&FPA has been serving the Theodore, Tillman's Corner, Fowl River and Coden communities with 8 wells, 6 elevated storage tanks and a total storage capacity of 3,950,000 gallons of water with approximately 225 miles of water mains.

Having the best tasting drinking water in Alabama is the result of hard work and proper management, and that's exactly what you will find at the Mobile County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority.

**Submission deadline for member news is the 10th of each month. News release should be brief and only 1-2 paragraphs. Send your info to [tillmasncornerco@bellsouth.net](mailto:tillmasncornerco@bellsouth.net)**

## Christmas Parade Applications



Applications are available at the Tillman's Corner Community Center, or visit our website to download information.

**GET NOTICED!**  
**Check out our GREAT advertisement prices.**  
**Call 251-666-2488**

# Diplomat of the month



**Cadie Simmons** was born and raised in Mobile, AL and is a graduate of Theodore High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Finance from The University of South Alabama in 2014. While in college, Cadie spent time processing payrolls through her mother's accounting firm, Karen C. Simmons, PC. They soon realized that with Cadie's love of payroll along with

Karen's business experience; they could fill Mobile's need for a local payroll solution. In January 2015, they opened Payroll Vault - Mobile, AL which currently serves over 125 companies.

In her personal time, Cadie volunteers with Junior Achievement at Davidson High School teaching Career Success, serves as treasurer of the Tillman's Corner Lions Club, and is a member of the PREP Career Advisory Board at The University of South Alabama. She is also a proud mother to her two children, Mya (8) and Cooper (1). Cadie believes that making a positive impact in one's community is the key to achieving true success.

# Nominate Your Favorite Business



## Small Business of the Month Nomination Card

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this company is a candidate for business of the month?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for this Nomination:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

May we share your name with the Company?

Yes No

# STAR STUDENTS



Photo Courtesy of Jo Anne McKnight

Mason Salata from W.C. Griggs Elementary  
 Joshlynn Wilson from St. Vincent de Paul School  
 Ka'Laysia Carter from St. Elmo Elementary  
 Darby Murphy from Pearl Haskew Elementary  
 Emily Bisslessli from Meadowlake Elementary  
 Casey Lee from Lighthouse Baptist Academy

Thank you to the sponsors of each school.

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 Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
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## Community Center Staff

### Executive Director

Tina Poiroux  
 tpoiroux.tccc@bellsouth.net

### Rental Specialist

Ashley Rester  
 tillmanscornerco@bellsouth.net

### Building Supervisor

Hooper Stiles  
 Susan Williams



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## Greetings from the Director:



As Executive Director at the Chamber and Community Center I am honored and pleased to be a part of this great community. "WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE," Winston Churchill said it best. I love this time of year being able to think of others and reaching out past my own family to bless others. I am often reminded by people how they hate this hectic season, but I am inspired more to touch the lives of my family, friends and neighbors through my giving not of things, but of myself. The chamber has the same vision the entire year of helping businesses like yourself become greater. We want to see you as business owners/laborers create an atmosphere to continually improve your workforce. We encourage you to look to inspire a better living at work and home. Get involved more as a volunteer and donate your time. The city of Mobile has made many changes and we are seeing growth across the city and county. Make a difference by looking for opportunities to be a part of the movement that should inspire us all. Thanksgiving is one holiday we have overlooked and simply take for granted. I am thrilled to be here at the community center to give a helping hand and hope you see the opportunity to lend a hand to those around you. We need your help by donating Wreaths for our "Wreaths for Charity" event. All proceeds go toward helping families in our community. It's a fun tradition that has grown and we hope those of you that can't donate your talents will come out and purchase a wreath for your home or office on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the December Business Luncheon.

The competition is drawing near to see what team will win the honor of winning the Food Drive. Auburn has taken a lead and I'm sure our fans have decided to bring in the most canned goods this year. War Eagle! We will announce the business leader that donates the most canned goods at the December Business Luncheon, so start collecting and send in your photos for the free lunch on us.

*Tina Poiroux*

**Membership Renewals:**

Naman's Catering  
2961 Dauphin Island Parkway  
Mobile, AL 36605

**Corporate Sponsor:**



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Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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COMMUNITY THAT  
SUPPORTS YOU BY  
JOINING THE  
SOUTHWEST MOBILE  
COUNTY CHAMBER OF  
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For information on  
becoming a member call  
251-666-2488.

If you are already a  
member, pass the word  
along to help promote our  
community!

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# Flu Shot Clinic

**Tillman's Corner Community Center**  
5055 Carol Plantation Rd. Mobile, AL 36619

**Tuesday, November 1st**  
**10am - 2pm**

**Insurance or \$15**

Bring in your insurance card & I.D.

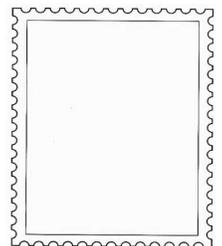


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