

THE CORNER

SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

Serving All of South Mobile County

JULY 2017

*ONE NATION
UNDER GOD*

BUSINESS LUNCHEON JULY 5TH
GUEST SPEAKER: PILOTS FOR CHRIST

"In Step With Progress"

Message from the President



Hello friends, chamber members and colleagues. Here we are already preparing for all of the events for the fall. Oh my goodness how time flies. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer; I just spent a week on vacation to relax and take in the beauty of nature but only to return to find I need another vacation from my vacation. Sometimes we can sit back and relax just a little too much or we find ourselves working harder than we do on our day to day jobs. One thing I was taught when growing up was good work ethic and if you said you were going to do something you did it no matter what. We as adults should teach the younger generation about work ethic and what it means to work hard for what you want in life and not just put out an open hand for so called entitlements. When my grandson was 5 years old, he wanted a play car, I told him you have to work hard for what you want and then you can get paid. He worked diligently all day picking up pinecones in the yard and then I took him to the store to spend his \$5.00 he was paid. When the cashier said, "that will be \$3.99," the smile on his little face was amazing knowing he worked for what he wanted and received money back. We all need to remember hard work pays off.

We are always welcoming new members to the chamber. We would love for you to partner with us by joining and getting involved. Great things are happening and SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce has seen more growth in the last 12 months than ever before. There are many benefits gained from joining the chamber and we would love to share this opportunity with you. Our friendly staff would be glad to help you with this simple process.

"I thought this was a fitting quote for my message: Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there" - Will Rogers

*Blessings,
Donna Abercrombie*

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 business and the welfare of our community.



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JULY CALENDAR

3 Art Class - Carolyn Greene
When: July 3rd 10am and 12:30pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
RSVP: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free

4  **Happy 4th of July!**
Tillman's Corner Community Center will be closed.

5 SWMCCC Business Luncheon
When: July 5th 11:30 am - 1 pm
Guest Speaker: Pilots for Christ
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: Chamber Office 251-666-2488
Cost: \$9 for members and \$11 for potential members
Luncheon Sponsor:  **Huntington**
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10 Art Class - Carolyn Greene
When: July 10th 10am and 12:30pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
RSVP: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free

11 Heart Matters
When: July 11th 9 am-11 am
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
What: Sharing Matters of the Heart for Seniors
Contact: 251-661-7700

17 Art Class - Carolyn Greene
When: July 17th 10am and 12:30pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
RSVP: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free

18 Coffee with the Chamber
When: July 18th 7:30am
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: 251-666-2488
Coffee & Refreshments Served

24 Art Class - Carolyn Greene
When: July 24th 10am and 12:30pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
RSVP: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free

29 2017 SWMCCC Kids Day
When: July 29th 10am - 2pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
Contact: 251-666-2488
Cost: Canned Food Donation



31 Art Class - Carolyn Greene
When: July 31st 10am and 12:30pm
Where: Tillman's Corner Community Center
RSVP: 251-666-2488
Cost: Free

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?

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Your Name: _____

Email: _____

May we share your name with the Company?

Yes

No



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MONTHLY BUSINESS LUNCHEON

July 5, 2017 11:30am - 1pm

Guest Speaker: Pilots for Christ, Inc.



Pilots for Christ, Inc. (PFC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry, established in Monroeville, AL, April 4, 1994 to serve southwest Alabama, and has grown to now serving the state of Alabama as well as the southeastern U.S. in specialized aviation transportation for medical reasons. In doing so, share the love of Christ. PFC transports ambulatory patients and never charges for the services provided, reducing the patient's emotional stress, physical discomfort and financial burden.

Pilots for Christ also serves Pastors, Missionaries, and our veterans, as well as assisting in disaster relief when hurricanes, earthquakes or fires occur delivering medical and humanitarian supplies.

For the past three years, PFC has grown tremendously, through God's provision and blessings of hiring a full time professional staff. With this staff, PFC has grown from flying on average 60 flights a year to 324 families/flights served in 2016 for a total of 1940 total served in 22 years. The community support is obvious as well. Records show an increase in contributions from \$177,700 in 2013 to \$894,600 in 2015, reflecting the largest year of contributions to date. The 2016 numbers will reflect over \$1million in contributions. This type of growth has enabled PFC to acquire the aircraft and the hangar in 2016. With a professional staff on board, PFC has been able to increase the reach and scope of public awareness through social media, in 8 different venues, videos, as well as professional speaking/presentations, grant writing and corporate proposals, print as well as television media. To date, social media pages are reaching over 200,000 per week and growing. With this type of awareness, the need has never been greater for contributions.

Pilots for Christ believes our ministry is essential to our area and we are called by God to help fulfill this need as we depend solely on His provision and protection. We do not receive any government funding, nor are we reimbursed by insurance. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook at Pilots for Christ and check out our website: www.pilotsforchrist.net. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Caterer:

Time To Eat

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251-654-0228
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WANT FREE TICKETS?

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MONDAY HOME GAMES

JUNE 26 — 6:35 P.M. VS. TENNESSEE SMOKIES

JULY 31 — 6:35 P.M. VS. MISSISSIPPI BRAVES

AUG 7 — 6:35 P.M. VS. MONTGOMERY BISCUITS

SEPT 4 — 6:35 P.M. VS. BILOXI SHUCKERS



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Mission

Pilots For Christ, Inc., (PFC) is a non-denominational group of Christian pilots and volunteers dedicated to the promotion of the Gospel of Christ through aviation. Our group strives to help those in need of transportation due to medical reasons, but are unable to travel by any other means. PFC is not an air ambulance or medically-equipped aircraft.

We believe our ministry is essential to our area and we are called by God to help fulfill this need as we depend solely on His provision and protection. The funds we receive to support PFC, come from individuals, churches, civic organizations, and businesses. We do not receive any government funding, nor are we reimbursed by insurance. If you feel lead to contribute, you may mail your tax-deductible donations to:

Pilots for Christ
P.O. Box 707
Monroeville, AL 36461

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www.pilotsforchrist.net

MEMBER NEWS

Providence Hospital recently opened the Beth M. Rouse Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. Membership is open to the public. The Center offers a variety of fitness classes for all abilities, including water classes, yoga and Pilates, in addition to fitness equipment available. The Wellness center is also home to the cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program for those suffering with heart and lung disease.

The Wellness Center was named to honor attorney, Beth Rouse, a longtime supporter and advocate of the hospital and its mission to help the community.

The center was recently refurbished, thanks to funds raised by the Festival of Flowers, the Providence Hospital Foundation's annual spring community event. All funds raised by the festival are reinvested in projects for the hospital. A generous anonymous donation was also dedicated to the project.



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SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

Tillman's Corner Community Center

— ONE OF A KIND ITEMS —

Furniture • Clothing • Accessories • Art
 Homeware • Jewelry • Food Trucks

13th & 14th | **Friday 10am - 5pm** | **\$5 ADMISSION**
OCTOBER | **Saturday 9am - 4pm** | **Kids 10 & under Free**

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 For vender information contact Chamber office at info@swmchamber.com



Out-of-state Investors Purchase in Mobile Commerce Park

Mobile, Ala.; June 14, 2017 - Out-of-state investors purchased a 21,800 square foot industrial building for \$1,775,000, located at 5640 Commerce Blvd. E. within Mobile Commerce Park in Theodore. The property has a new 5 year NNN lease with Taylor Power, according to Pete Riehm of NAI Mobile who represented the buyers in this transaction. Gavin Bender, Jr., of Bender Real Estate Group represented the sellers.

The old Cash Title Loan at 5383 HWY 90 has been leased for use as a gas station. A new Hotel II is under construction on the old Touchdown Tavern site at 5460 HWY 90; and The Touchdown Tavern will be relocating to Tillman's Square shopping center.

About NAI Mobile:

NAI Mobile is a team of seasoned professionals with over 100 years of experience in all facets of commercial real estate serving southwest Alabama. NAI Mobile is the local footprint of NAI Global, an international network of over 400 firms spanning five continents. Our diverse and robust partnership offers a unique presence as the local, full-service firm you want, with the global reach you need.

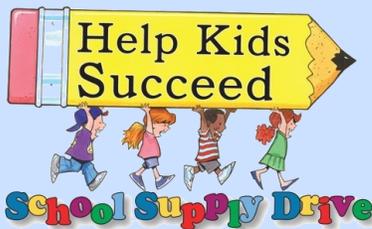
Amazon Sorting Center coming to Mobile



Mobile, Ala. - One of world's largest online shopping retailers, Amazon, is set to open a sorting center in Mobile.

Amazon has started their new \$30M Alabama Sortation Center which will be located in Jerry Carl's district. The online commerce giant is set to bring in at least 250 full-time jobs and an additional 1,300 seasonal part-time jobs to the area when it opens its 362,000 sq. ft. facility at the end of the year.

"This will be the first foot-presence for Amazon in the state of Alabama," said Carl. "This is very exciting for Mobile and Baldwin counties."



There is a local kid counting on your help! Please help support our annual Back to School Drive! Starting July 24th, we will be collecting school supply donations for our six partnering schools. You may drop off donations at the Chamber office.



July 18, 2017

7:30-8:30 am

Tillman's Corner Community Center

Free for Members / \$5 for potential Members

RSVP with the Chamber Office

251-666-2488 or

info@swmccchamber.com



COFFEE & NETWORKING
WITH THE CHAMBER



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

◆ Freedom Celebration 2017 - July 3rd

Mary G Montgomery High School
4275 Snow Rd. N. Semmes, AL 36575

Starts at 4pm - This Freedom Celebration is a one-day event for the whole family on July 3rd. Highlights include a car show, free games and activities and amazing fireworks in the sky.

\$2 donation with kids 5 & younger admitted free.

◆ Grand Bay Watermelon Festival - July 3rd & 4th

Grand Bay Odd Fellows Festival Park
10327 Taylor F. Harper Blvd, Grand Bay, AL 36541

Gates open 3-7pm on July 3rd - No Admission
Food, Arts & Crafts, Vendors and Entertainment

Gates open 8am-4pm July 4th - \$5 per vehicle admission with a free slice of ice cold watermelon to eat, Pretty Baby Contest, The Hope Puppets and Open Car Show

◆ Independence Day Celebration - July 4th

Battleship Memorial Park
2703 Battleship Pkwy, Mobile, AL 36603

Gates open at 5:00 p.m. for field parking \$5 per car. Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks! Bring your picnic baskets. The Mobile Pops will present their annual patriotic concert at 7 p.m. Fireworks spectacular at 9 p.m. Concession tent open for hamburgers, hot dogs and cokes. No personal fireworks or alcohol allowed in Park. No parking in paved parking lot area. This will be strictly enforced by Mobile Police Department. Fireworks show produced by the City of Mobile.

◆ Dauphin Island Ceremony & Fireworks - July 4th

Water Tower Plaza

The Dauphin Island Veterans Association will host its annual Independence Day Ceremony on July 4 at 11am at Water Tower Plaza. Join them for a solemn and patriotic event as they recognize the significance of the day and honor the men and women of our military that serve and sacrifice to protect the freedoms and values we hold so dear.

Public Beach

Finally, a spectacular fireworks display (approx. 20 minute show) will light up the evening sky at 9pm on July 4. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and are reminded that personal fireworks are prohibited on Dauphin Island.



The Tillman's Corner Community Center has State of Alabama Mail-In Voter Registration Forms available to the community.

U.S. Senate Primary Election - August 15, 2017

U.S. Senate Run-Off Election - September 26, 2017

U.S. Senate General Election - December 12, 2017

Mail-in Voter Registration Form:

- ◆ Register to vote in Alabama.
- ◆ Update your voter registration record, if you have changed your name or address.

To register to vote in the State of Alabama, you must:

- ◆ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ◆ Reside in Alabama.
- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age on or before election day.
- ◆ Not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored.
- ◆ Not have been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court

Deadline for submitting application: Voter registration and updating of voter records is closed during the 14 days prior to each election in Alabama.



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SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

Kids Day

**5055 Carol Plantation Road
Mobile, AL 36619
251-666-2488**

Saturday, July 29, 2017 10am - 2pm

**Color War
at 1:30 PM**

*"Everything is better
with Color"*

JOIN THE FUN!

Laser Tag, Giveaways, The Largest Mobile Video Game Theater, Kona, Knocker Ball, Inflatables, Free Haircuts, Face Painting, Food Trucks & More...

Bring a Canned Food for Admission

BURGER EATING CONTEST: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CAREER NOTES



My name is **Kristie Jones** and I am so glad to be the new Community Liaison for Touching Hearts Senior Care Baldwin/Escambia and Mobile Counties. I am an Alabama native. I was born and raised in Baldwin County. My roots are well planted there. Upon my graduation from Baldwin County High School I attended Faulkner State

Community College now Coastal Alabama College. I graduated Nursing School from Ed. E. Reid State in 1992. I am currently a Senior, obtaining my Bachelors of Science Degree from Huntingdon College.

I have spent many years traveling abroad studying different languages and immersing myself in their cultures. However, in the end; all roads lead back to Alabama. It is my great pleasure to be your source for homecare. I hope I can be of assistance to Seniors all over the great state of Alabama.

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 info@swmccchamber.com



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BEAT the HEAT

Are you looking for a venue to get relief from the summer heat?

Book your summer parties at the Tillman's Corner Community Center!

Call 251-666-2488 for more information.



Left to Right - Cindy Cook Bloom and Haley Buchanan

Cindy Cook Bloom is transitioning into a new role at Feeding the Gulf Coast as the Produce Strategy Manager. In this newly created position, Cindy will be responsible for increasing the amount of produce distributed to people in need, as well as accepting produce donations from local farmers. In 2016, Feeding the Gulf Coast distributed over 22 million pounds of food throughout the Central Gulf Coast. Feeding the Gulf Coast accepts produce from local farmers and growers across southern Alabama, southern Mississippi and the Florida Panhandle.

Haley Buchanan is taking her place as the Media and Events Coordinator, and will be the main point of contact for Feeding the Gulf Coast with the SWMCCC. Haley has worked at Feeding the Gulf Coast for over a year, and is very excited to jump into this new role. If you would like to learn more about how you can help Feeding the Gulf Coast feed the one in six community members who is struggling with hunger, contact Haley or Cindy at [\(251\) 653-1617](tel:2516531617) and follow them on social media @feedingthegulfcoast!

**SEPT. 19TH
2017**

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MOBILE COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

BUSINESS EXPO

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If you or your business would like to sponsor this event please contact our chamber office for more information.

**Tillman's Corner Community Center
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W.C. Griggs
Achievement Celebration
May 31, 2017

“The Ideal Griggs Student Awards”

This award goes to two students who exemplify the highest ideals of good citizenship, quality leadership and outstanding service to their teachers and their fellow classmates. They have chosen to act in an exemplary fashion, treat everyone with respect and kindness they are students that make good decisions for their behavior and have created a standard of leadership throughout this school year.

The students who have earned this recognition for the 2016-2017 school year are:

Grace Tillman and Chris Barbour

To Our Dear Griggs Shining Stars & Future Graduates of 2024...
Together We Lead... Together We Shine

Kids Day '17



“STRONG KID CONTEST”

11:00 AM

Sponsored by the Alabama Youth Sports Combine. Come and make an attempt to show off your strength.

“KRYSTAL BURGER EATING CONTEST”

12:00 PM

Contestants will eat as many burgers as possible for a chance to win the title for one year.

“COLOR WAR”

1:30 PM

The siren will sound and the color blast will begin.

You will leave with color from head to toe!

COMMUNITY INVITE..... Looking for a fun day to celebrate Summer? Come out to the Tillman’s Corner Community Center on July 29th for a fun filled day for the entire family. The SWMCC Chamber is hosting their 4th Annual Kid’s Day 2017, from 10-2p.m. The cost is free, but we request everyone bring a canned/non-perishable food item as a donation to support Feeding the Gulf Coast’s mission. Door prizes and giveaways will be throughout the day and each child will receive a passport card to be stamped by each vendor throughout the event for a grand prize drawing. The Chamber has scheduled activities throughout the day that you don’t want to miss out on such as laser tag, knocker balls competition, putt-putt golf, the area’s largest video gaming trailer, free haircuts, health screenings, blood drive, bounce houses, cooking classes, child safety kits, obstacle courses, face painting and more. And, Alligator Alley will have alligators for petting! In addition to all the activities and many booths/stations to visit there will be a Strong Kid Contest sponsored by the Alabama Youth Sports Combine at 11:00, a Krystal Burger Eating Contest at high Noon and the rage for all the kids will be the Color War at 1:30. Come and enjoy this full day of activities while relaxing and celebrating the joys of Summer. T-shirts are available for purchase, place your order and get ready for the Summer celebration at the chamber.

Membership Renewals:

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