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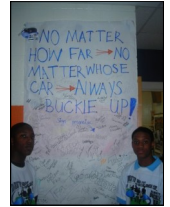
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Callaway's Teen Seat Belt Coalition

Callaway High School's Teen Seat Belt Coalition has participated in many activities. Recently Callaway's Teen Seat Belt Coalition members hosted a parade for the local community.

"We walked, passed out candy, and handed out fliers to promote the use of seat belts," said Lakeidre Davis, secretary of the coalition. "We set up multiple booths in our school's cafeteria. The table had a board that consisted of pictures of our group and seat belt facts. "During that time, we passed out flyers for the Battle of the Belts pep rally."



The Pep Rally will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Metro-Center Mall. Another activity included the Coalition's peers. Assemblies were held in the auditorium, which included the elective classes. "We have had speakers come to inform us about the safety of wearing seat belts," Davis said. "They played a video that showed cars and told of people who could have survived a car wreck, if they had worn their seat belts." After the assembly, the Coalition their mission and motto "No Matter How Far, No Matter Whose Car, Always Buckle Up," with News Channel 12.

On a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, the Coalition shares with their school hear announcements dealing with the group and its cause. "Instead of just reading statistics off of a paper, we try to be more creative and step outside of the box," said Davis. "We create mini skits that are included in our school's morning announcements to get the student's attention.

"We create our own scenarios and act them out to keep students entertained but at the same time relaying our message of the safety of seat belts." Callaway's Teen Seat Belt Coalition is serious about promoting car safety.

"We hope to gain more knowledge and share what we have learned with our peers so that we cannot only be informed, but also the entire Callaway family will be informed," Davis said. "We hope to influence many people not only in our school but also in our community as well, by showing and telling them the positives of wearing seat belts."

Clarence Barnes's recent views on the negligence of seatbelt usage:

"My football teammates and I experienced a similar situation this past summer when one our teammates lost control of his vehicle because of a tire blowout. Myself and three other players watched from behind as he attempted to regain control of the vehicle, but was unsuccessful and hit an abandoned vehicle. As our teammates fell from the wrecked vehicle I was in shock at the physical damage that most of them had suffered. All players though sustaining serious injuries lived and went on to play this season. It was later noticed that their seatbelts had been worn, if not they would have easily been ejected from the vehicle. I feel for those basketball players from and the Murrah community, because they were in an accident that claimed a life."

Callaway Teen Seat Belt Coalition Committee Members:

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Baptist Health Systems

About Baptist Health Systems:

Baptist Health Systems is the parent company of Baptist Medical Center, The Mississippi Hospital for Restorative Care and a number of related health care services and programs. From its beginnings in 1911, Baptist has grown to include a 564-bed medical center, along with a variety of health and medical services for people in every stage of life.

Baptist Health Systems is guided by a 15-member volunteer board of trustees, consisting of top-echelon leaders in business, medical clergy and other fields. In its daily operations, Baptist adheres to ethical and spiritual values consistent with those of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist for Women Now Accepting Online Nominations for Strong Women Awards:

To honor outstanding women in our area, this spring Baptist for Women will pay tribute to five women selected from nominations submitted by members of the community. The winners will be announced on Thursday, May 7, during "A Celebration of Strong Women," an event hosted by Baptist, Lifetime Television for Women and Comcast Spotlight.

Baptist Medical Center Announces New President & Health Systems COO:

Mark F. Slyter, FACHE, has joined Baptist Medical Center as President and Baptist Health Systems Chief Operating Officer. He was previously the Administrator of Baptist Medical Center Beaches (Baptist Health, Jacksonville, FL) and Administrator of Hillcrest Hospital & Patewood Medical Campus (Greenville Hospital Systems, Greenville, SC).

Slyter holds a masters in Health Services Administration and a bachelor of science in Exercise Science from the University of Kansas. He achieved Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives and was awarded the ACHE Regent's Award as South Carolina's Early Career Healthcare Executive.

-Robby Channell

Mission & Vision:

Baptist Health Systems' mission is to serve the community through continuously improving quality medical care and effective use of education and technology in a personal and compassionate environment.

Their belief is that each individual is essential to the successful functioning of the team: the board, employees and physicians. What each person does matters, and their collective efforts define Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's success.

www.mbmc.org





YP Alliance Wants You Aboard

Who is a Young Professional?

A professional person or graduate student who is 21-40 years old and wants to help make the Metro Jackson area a more vibrant and enjoyable place to live while having fun doing it and meeting new friends.

Why Should You Become a Member?

- Networking with other Young Professionals– Make new friends and business contacts and meet a diverse group of people.
- Be Up To Date– YP Alliance Newsletter will keep you informed on the latest happenings in the Metro area.
- Help support an organization committed to recruiting, retaining and promoting young professionals to the Metro Jackson area.
- Help promote the Metro Jackson area's assets and opportunities through community service and civic engagement.
- Get your very own YP Alliance name badge. This badge allows you to get discounts on YP luncheons and special events! Get invites to member's only events with your YP name badge.

Becoming a Member of YP Alliance is EASY!

Step One: Register with us!

By registering with YP Alliance, you are enabling us to stay in touch with you so that we can keep you informed of all the exciting things happening with YP Alliance and the Greater Jackson area. Contact Nicole McNamee at nmcmamee@greaterjacksonpartnership.com or any YP Alliance Board member. Dues are \$40.00 annually. That's less than \$4 a month! By paying your dues you are helping to support the YP Alliance's ongoing activities including our Member Communications, Special Events, New Website and Community Involvement. In addition, you will receive the YP Alliance name badge, which offers you discounts at various YP events. Where else can you have this much fun for \$40.00 while making a contribution to the growth of your community?

Step Two: Attend Events!

There are ways for you to become involved with YP Alliance, but you must take the lead! First, start with our socials (held the 4th Thursday of each month) because they give you the opportunity to network and mingle with people who have similar interests. They also give us the opportunity to get to know you. YP Alliance's socials are open to everyone. Only members will have access to food or drink specials. Second, attend our monthly luncheons. Each luncheon gives you an opportunity to meet and engage business, government and community leaders in the Metro area. Luncheon are \$10.00 and open to everyone, but members pay only \$7.00! Third, get invites to our Members Only events and discounts to special events like the Blue Tie Ball.

Step Three: Get Involved!

Most of the work and fun in YP Alliance happens in our communities. We welcome your input and fresh ideas and we hope you will find one or two that interest you and start making your unique contribution to YP Alliance. Finally, you can show your support of YP Alliance and our goals by attending various community events and volunteering for the various projects the YP Alliance believes make the Metro Jackson area a fun place to Live, Work, Play and Shop!



GJCP: Know Your Benefits



The Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership presents *Know Your Benefits*, a luncheon for existing and prospective members to learn about the benefits of being a member of the GJCP. Learn more about affordable health insurance savings, discounts on office supplies, special pricing on computer services, savings on LTL freight, networking events...and so much more! *Know Your Benefits* luncheon will be held Tuesday, Mar. 31, noon-1 p.m. (lunch will be provided) at the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership and is sponsored by ChamberPlus.

RSVP to Cynthia Caine at 601.948.7575.

Honor from the Mississippi State Legislature

Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Mississippi State Capitol and the Jackson Marriot in downtown Jackson, the Mississippi Legislature honored Jackson State senior Opal Charis Brown along with 70 other students and faculty at the 22nd Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program.



A Jackson native, Brown majors in health care administration and is a member of the Du-Bois Honor College, the University Chorale, Tiger P.R.I.D.E. Connection and is the manager for the Student Government Association. Brown also serves on the University's Initiative planning committee and is a Dean's List scholar volunteering for organizations including Habitat for Humanity and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

The HEADWAE program, established in 1987, recognizes academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education in promoting academic excellence. The goal of the appreciation day is to encourage excellence among those involved in higher education as a way to further leadership, increase knowledge and promote good citizens in today's society.

-JSU Announcements

United Way's VITA Program

The VITA program is a free tax preparation service for individuals or families whose household income is less than \$42,000 a year.



Many of these individuals may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and may not know it. While many qualify for EITC and receive the credit, they are paying large fees to have their tax return prepared. The goal is to make sure that families who qualify for EITC receive the credit and keep their entire refund.

There are currently 12 VITA sites in the tri-county area. United Way will function as a mobile VITA site and will come to any group or organization to prepare tax returns. United Way is actively recruiting volunteers to serve at a VITA site any time between Jan. 16 and April 15.

For more information about VITA site location, what you need to be in order to have your tax return prepared, or any other information, please contact United Way's 2-1-1 Mississippi. To host a VITA site at your workplace like the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, please contact Ira Murray at 601.948.4725.

-United Way

Where Location Matters



Downtown Spaces...Hip New Places

The Women's Fund announces its Spring 2009 Fundraiser: A Gala Celebration of Downtown Jackson hosts a downtown properties tour of downtown Jackson today from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours of six properties will offer a mixture of the latest commercial and residential properties, including:

- The Pinnacle at Jackson Place
- King Edward Hotel Lobby
- Art Studio and Apartment of P. Sanders McNeal, 736 S. President St.
- Plaza Building
- Capitol Street Apartments
- 119 President Street art gallery and upstairs apartment

For more information contact the Women's Fund to volunteer: 601.974.6044 or visit womensfund@cfgreaterjackson.org.

Dinner Is Served

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History will host *A Symposium on the Victorian dining room* Monday, Mar. 9, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Manship House Museum. The symposium will examine the heart of the nineteenth-century home— the dining room and kitchen in Antebellum Mississippi, A table: Creole Cooking Traditions in New Orleans (1830-1880), Of Hearth and Home, The Supreme Test of Refinement: Victorian Dining Etiquette and The Favorite Room.

Refreshments from authentic nineteenth-century recipes will be served. Free of charge, reservations required. Call 601.961.4724 or email, info@manshiphouse.com.

Arts Alive!

Hosted by Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, St. Alexis' Episcopal Church, Galloway United Methodist Church, Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the city of Jackson, downtown Jackson will be filled with fine arts and crafts from Friday Mar. 27 to Saturday, Mar. 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Smith Park in downtown Jackson.

There will be performances by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Ensembles, Mississippi Opera, Swing de Paris, Ballet Mississippi, the Mississippi Chorus Chamber Choir and Ballet Magnificat—S.O.A.

For vendor information or registration, contact Cindy Brooks at 601.260.4430.

Women's Business Opportunity Expo

Get ready for Women's Business Opportunity Expo April 22 and 23 at the Jackson Convention Complex. The event is a once-a-year opportunity you don't want to miss!

The keynote speaker is Colette Chandler who is a leading expert in helping companies better understand environmental and health trends and the consumers driving them.

There will be a host of workshops and exhibits to partake. For more information, visit www.wbecsouth.org/expo.

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JPS Parent Academy

JPS is hosting three parent academies to provide tips for parents to help their children do well in school and prepare the state tests this spring. Workshops will be provided for parents of students K-12 in four subject areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Parents will gain hands on experience with methods that they can use at home with students. The last academy workshop will be held Thursday, Mar. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Forest High School (2607 Raymond Rd. in Jackson). For more information call, 601.960.8945.



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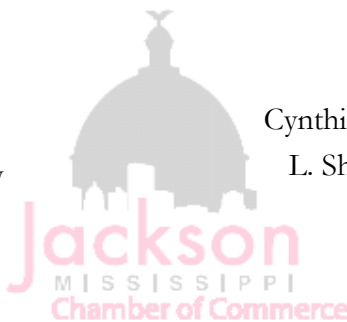
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