



Newsletter

FALL 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2018-19 MCBL&F CHAIRMAN: CECIL HARPER



Cecil Harper
2018 MCBL & F
Chairman

For those of you who attended the Vision Celebration, you were part of Madison County history. First, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of MCBL&F and had the largest crowd ever at this annual event. Thanks to

Jan and Serena for all their hard work; it was a great success. I am honored to serve as your new Chairman and honored to serve behind Phil Buffington who, in my opinion, is one of the finest men to have also had the privilege to serve MCBL&F.

Briefly, our goals for 2018-2019 are first, to continue the successes of the past. We will continue to build a stronger relationship with MCEDA enhancing our coordinated efforts to increase economic investment in our county. Secondly, in partnership with the Madison County Community Trust, we will continue efforts to help develop, the quality of education in our county which enhances the quality of our work force; and lastly, we will continue our efforts to develop a strong succession of leadership through our youth leadership and young professionals' program.

Simply stated, our overall purpose is to "promote the general economic welfare and development of Madison County". Economic welfare, through a sound quality of life in our county, goes hand in hand with attracting new and enhancing existing industry.

We are blessed with a solid and committed board, advisory board, committees, committee chairmen, staff, and most importantly, you our members. Our vision is for the next 10 years to be even bigger and better.

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2018-19 MCBL&F BOARD OF DIRECTORS



TOP: Doug Hederman, Hederman Brothers; Bill Senter, Atmos Energy; Doug Jones, MCEDA Appointee; Wesley Goings, C Spire; Johnny Brunini, Butler Snow; Brad Gatlin, BankPlus; Rodney Grogan, MMC Materials, Inc.; Jan Collins, MCBL&F Ex. Director. **SEATED:** Samantha Lofton, Barnett's Body Shops; Vice Chairman Barney Daly, Trustmark; Chairman Cecil Harper, Harper Rains Knight & Company; Secretary-Treasurer Renee Rice, BankFirst; Immediate Past Chairman Phil Buffington, Adams and Reese. **NOT PICTURED:** Sam Scott, St. Dominic Health Services; MCEDA Appointee Ed Gardner, Entergy MS; MCEDA Appointee Dwight Luckett, Canton Public Schools. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**

2018 VISION CELEBRATION

The Madison County Business League & Foundation and the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) hosted the 10th anniversary Vision Celebration luncheon on October 16, 2018, at the Country Club of Jackson. MCEDA Executive Director Joey Deason was the keynote speaker. The 2018 Vision Award was presented to Mireille and Peter DeBeukelaer with DeBeukelaer Corporation – makers of Pirouline cookies. The 2018 Visionary Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Nancy New.



2018 VISION Award -MCEDA Chairman Dwight Luckett, Mireille and Peter DeBeukelaer.
Photo by Deryll Stegall.

View Event Photos at: madisoncountybusinessleague.com



MCBL&F Chairman Phil Buffington presented the 2018 Visionary Leadership Award to Dr. Nancy New of Families First for Mississippi, New Summit Schools, MS Community Education Center, the Spectrum Academy and the MS Dyslexia Center. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**



MCBL&F Chairman Phil Buffington thanked Brad Maley, Bancorp South, and Brad McMullan, bfac.com for their 4 years of service on the board of directors for the MCBL&F. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**



MCBL&F Chairman Phil Buffington presented the 2018 Madison County Young Professional (MCYP) Award to Sarah Beth Wilson, Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, P.A. She served as the 2017-18 MCYP Chairman. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**



Incoming MCBL&F chairman Cecil Harper, Harper, Rains Knight & Company, presents Phil Buffington, Adams and Reese, with a plaque in appreciation of his leadership as the MCBL&F 2017-18 chairman. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PHILIP CALHOUN OF NISSAN



Shown (l-r): Lauren Scheel, MCEDA; Danielle Winningham, MCEDA; Joey Deason, MCEDA Executive Director; Philip Calhoun, VP Nissan - Canton; Phil Buffington, MCBL&F Chairman; and Jan Collins, MCBL&F Executive Director.
Photo by Amile Wilson

The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) and the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) hosted a reception in honor of Philip Calhoun. Philip is the new Vice President of Manufacturing for the Nissan North America - Canton plant. The event was attended by 175 MCBL&F members, elected officials, and guests in the law offices of Butler Snow in Ridgeland, MS.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MADISON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS KIMBER HALLIBURTON



The Madison County Business League & Foundation hosted a reception at Adams and Reese law offices in honor of Madison County Superintendent of Schools Kimber Halliburton.



2019

LEAGUE & LEGISLATURE LUNCHEON

THE HONORABLE
TATE REEVES
LT. GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST

MCBL&F AND MCCT AWARD GRANT TO THE MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS TO FUND ACT WORK KEYS TESTING



The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) and the Madison County Community Trust (MCCT) awarded a grant to the Madison County Schools to fund ACT Work Keys testing for their district academies and career and technical students. Successful completion of the ACT Work Keys test provides certificates recognized by employers throughout Mississippi and the United States.

Shown (l-r): Aimee Brown, Blaise King, Edith Mitchell, Supt. Kimber Halliburton, Madison County Schools; Barney Daly, MCCT; Danielle Winningham, MCEDA; and Jan Collins, MCBL&F).

MCCT PRESENTS FINANCIAL LITERACY GRANT TO CPS



Shown left to right: Selena Swartzfager, president of MCEE; Dr. Pamela Self, principal of Canton High School; Barney Daly, MCCT Chairman; Dwight Luckett, interim supt. CPS; Victoria Johnson, executive director of CPS secondary education; and Jan Collins, executive director of the Madison County Business League & Foundation

The Madison County Community Trust (MCCT) awarded a grant to Canton Public Schools (CPS) to train teachers in financial literacy curriculum that will be incorporated into the fall classes. The program is facilitated by the MS Council on Economic Education (MCEE).

MCCT AWARDS \$10,000 GRANT TOWARDS PURCHASE OF MOBILE MEDIA LAB



Madison County Library Executive Director Tonja Johnson and Jan Collins

The Madison County Business League & Foundation is proud to announce that the Madison County Community Trust (MCCT) awarded a \$10,000.00 grant towards the purchase of a mobile media lab. The mobile media lab will serve the municipalities and the unincorporated areas of Madison County.

Madison County Library system's new bookmobile will reflect mobile delivery services that will provide the needs of 21st century patrons. Bookmobiles provide patrons, young and old, opportunities to learn, network, and be inspired. Learn about the issues, technologies, and best practices that are shaping the future without having to have internet access at your home. It is surely a great day to be

alive when we as a people can have free services and resources come practically to our doorsteps. Knowledge is power and with the help of donations, we are going to be able to bring that knowledge to the patrons of Madison County that need it the most.

GUEST COLUMN: MAYOR OF RIDGELAND, GENE F. MCGEE



Gene F. McGee
Mayor
City of Ridgeland

Dear Friends of
Madison County,

Ridgeland continues to succeed in economic development projects through hard work and determination. With competition

at an all-time high from surrounding communities and counties, the Board of Alderman and I continue to support economic development in an effort to keep taxes low. There is simply no other way to keep taxes low when expenses continue to rise. Ridgeland prides itself on providing top-quality services with a very lean number of employees in order to manage infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and many other quality of life elements. In addition to many recently opened businesses, some of the current major construction projects contributing to this success include a \$25 Million renovation at NorthPark Mall, Renaissance Phase 2, Renaissance Phase 3, Horne CPA Building, Go Shine Car Wash, Kroger Fuel Center, Rice Road Place Retail Center, Marriott AC Hotel, Tru by Hilton Hotel, and Holiday Inn Express Hotel. Some upcoming major projects include Renaissance Phase 4, Audi/Jaguar/ Land Rover and many more.

Area road projects will also have an effect on continued Economic Development success. The extension of Lake Harbour Drive from Highway 51 to Highland Colony Parkway should be under construction by the end of 2018 or early 2019. Colony Park Boulevard is expected to be open from Highway 51 to Sunnybrook Road by early 2019. West Jackson Street should be fully rehabilitated by Mid-November. The city will begin planning enhancements to the Olde Towne section of Jackson Street once MDOT



Northpark Mall Renovation - Grand Opening November 15-18, 2018



Phase 2 of the Renaissance at Colony Park will be horseshoe-shaped and include a boutique movie house.

turns the street over to Ridgeland. Old Canton Road is currently be resurfaced from County Line Road to the northern city limits. These projects will continue to improve traffic flow making Ridgeland an excellent place for office, retail, restaurant, and residential growth.

The City of Ridgeland enjoys working alongside the Madison County Business League and Foundation and appreciates your continued support in making Ridgeland and Madison County the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Gene F. McGee, Mayor
City of Ridgeland





MADISON COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

2018-2019 MCYP STEERING COMMITTEE



Bottom row (l-r): Vice Chairman Haley Claxton, Trustmark; Chairman Grant Montgomery, BancorpSouth; Secretary Austin Stewart, Adams and Reese; and Chris Roberts, BankPlus. **Middle Row (l-r):** Deonte Sanders, Pinnacle Trust; Lauren Scheel, MCEDA; Chris Johnson, Renasant Bank; Scott Parenteau, C Spire; Jonathan Werne, St. Dominic; Athena Chapin, Merit Health Madison. **Top Row (l-r):** Pate DeMuth, Southern Ag Credit; Corey Hardy, AT&T; Cori Hill, Levi Strauss & Company; Jacob Berard, CenterPoint Energy; Parker Berry, Butler Snow. **Not Pictured:** Immediate Past Chairman Sarah Beth Wilson, Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush; Bradley Barnes, Adcamp, Inc.; Jamaal Holloway, Nissan; Liz Donovan, Memphis Communications Company; Philanthropy Chairman Krystal Minor, bfac.com; Henry Sockbeson III, Yates Construction Company; Anne Marie Smith, 4 Top Catering; and Tim Brister, Atmos Energy. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**

The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) Young Professional Steering Committee announces the election of officers for 2018-19. Grant Montgomery was recently elected by the Madison County Young Professionals (MCYP) Steering Committee to serve as the MCYP Chairperson for 2018-19, which will be MCYP's third year since its creation by the MCBL&F Board. Grant is a senior vice president in the banking division of BancorpSouth.

The other MCYP Steering Committee members elected to serve as officers for the coming year include: Vice-Chairman: Haley Claxton, Trustmark Bank; Secretary: Austin Stewart, Adams and Reese; Philanthropy Chairman: Krystal Minor, bfac.com; and MCYP's immediate Past Chairman is Sarah Beth Wilson, Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush.

Grant together with the other recently elected MCYP Officers are looking forward to another year of growth and development for the MCYP, which has had grand success in its initial years in terms of interest and participation by young professionals from all industries across Madison County, with over two hundred members, 39 years of age and younger, who work with businesses that are members of the MCBL&F. The Officers ask that all MCBL&F Member Companies encourage their young professionals to participate by attending the MCYP events, on which they may remain apprised by either joining the email list or by following the MCYP Facebook Page.

The mission of the Madison County Business League & Foundation Young Professionals is to provide young professionals and entrepreneurs with the opportunity to build relationships, serve the community and engage with business, political and civil leaders; thus, investing in the professional development of Madison County's future leaders.

The Madison County Business League & Foundation was created in 2008 by the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) and the Madison County Board of Supervisors to promote economic planning and development.

MCYP CEO FORUM AT EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL



Shown (l-r): Grant Montgomery, MCYP Vice Chairman; Austin Stewart, Panel Moderator; Doug Hederman, CEO Hederman Brothers; Bobbie Ware, CEO Baptist Medical Center; Carla Lewis, CIO C Spire; Bill Ray, CEO BankPlus; and Sarah Beth Wilson, MCYP Chairman.

August 29, 2018, the Madison County Young Professionals hosted 125 YPs at the CEO Forum held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ridgeland featuring chief executive leadership professionals from Bank Plus, Hederman Brothers, Baptist Medical Center and C-Spire.

MCYP TOUR OF NISSAN PLANT



A group of the Madison County Business League & Foundation Young Professionals toured Nissan North America – Canton on Thursday, June 14, 2018.



MADISON COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP

2018-2019 MADISON COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS



Back Row: Kallen Mitchell, St. Andrews Episcopal High School; Brooks Stewart, Madison Central High School; Hunter Newell, St. Andrew's Episcopal High School; Lane Martin, Canton Academy; Jacques Ratliff, Jr., Canton High School; Steven Chustz, Jackson Academy; Stephen Shelton, St. Joseph Catholic High School; Claire Applegate, Germantown High School. **Middle R:** Kennedy Miller, Velma Jackson High School; Bethany Biggers, Canton Academy; Arrington Robinson, Germantown High School; Maggie Rutledge, Jackson Prep; Charity Brock, Ridgeland High School; Benjamin Johnson, Jackson Prep; Logan Dorsey, St. Joseph Catholic High School; Reese Anderson, Jackson Academy; Christian Johnson, Velma Jackson High School; Alyssa Nelson, Canton High School. **Front R:** Joseph Crum, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Emory Ware, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Joseph Jones, Tri County Academy; Anna Cate Strong, Madison Central High School; Cade Shepherd, Tri County Academy. **Not Pictured:** Reginald Washington, Ridgeland High School. **Photo by Deryll Stegall.**

The Madison County Business League & Foundation Board of Directors proudly announce the 2018-19 Madison County Youth Leadership Class.

Jan Collins, Executive Director of the Madison County Business League and Foundation, announced that the Youth Leadership class for the 2018-2019 school year has been chosen. "Based on their activity sheets, this class is the most outstanding by far," said Collins. "The schools have selected the best and brightest. They are extremely academic, involved in sports, leadership, music, community service and church. They are all very well rounded."

The mission of the program is to inspire and educate area students about the variety of leading businesses which offer excellent career opportunities in Madison County. The students will also learn about local, county and state governments as well as Madison County's quality of life. Several motivational keynote speakers and successful business leaders will share character and leadership skills designed to develop future leaders for Madison County.

The program involves three days: Economic Development Career Day, Lifestyles Day and Government Day. The class was invited to the MCBL&F's annual VISION Celebration luncheon on October 16th and will be invited to the League & Legislature luncheon in February of 2019. Students completing all three days of the program will be presented a scholarship by the MCBL&F Board of Directors.

THE MISSION OF THE MADISON COUNTY BUSINESS LEAGUE & FOUNDATION

The mission of the Madison County Business League is to bring together, under one organization, the voice of numerous entities in order to establish a clear and concise message for the future. This organization, which is comprised of elected, appointed, business, and individual leaders of Madison County, will enable all partners in business and economic development to participate collectively in bringing together the overall vision for Madison County. And, to serve as private stakeholders for the Madison County Economic Development Authority. Simply put, one vision, one voice.

WENDY MULLINS, APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF MCBL&F ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMITTEE



Wendy Mullins
2018 MCBL&F
Entrepreneurship
Committee Chairman

As an attorney at Bradley, Wendy Mullins assists businesses with a variety of matters, from entity selection and formation, to contract negotiation, plus all manner of business development and commercialization tasks, which might include helping to launch products and services into the marketplace, growth of overall market share through business acquisitions, or assisting with succession planning and development of a strategy to exit the market.

Prior to Bradley, Wendy gained valuable experience applying her legal training first-hand as general counsel for SkyTel Corp., a wireless communications company owned by WorldCom and later by Verizon, for over eight years. Currently she serves as a state liaison to the Corporate Laws Committee of

the Business Law Section of the ABA, and most recently was an adjunct professor teaching business transaction drafting at the Mississippi College School of Law. Wendy is active in her community, serving as Board Chair for the Mississippi Center for Nonprofits and on the Board of the Innovate Mississippi Seed Fund.

Wendy is recognized by Chambers USA for Corporate/Commercial law and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships). She received a J.D. from the Mississippi College School of Law and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummins is a GOLD Investor of the Madison County Business League & Foundation.

WYATT WATERS PAINTING FINDS NEW HOME



Jan Collins with Wyatt Waters signing numbered prints at Senator Thad Cochran's official retirement dinner. The prints were sold to benefit "Extra Table."

In 2005 the Madison County Foundation commissioned talented watercolor artist Wyatt Waters to travel to Washington DC to paint Senator Thad Cochran seated at his piano in the Weber House. The painting was auctioned at a MCF fundraiser and presented to special guest Senator Cochran. Unable to accept due to

ethics rules at the time, the original painting was on loan to the MCF which later merged in 2014 with the Madison County Business League to form the Madison County Business League & Foundation. The painting will be returned to Senator Cochran to hang in his archives at the University of Mississippi!



YEAR OVERVIEW | OCTOBER 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2018

- Musee • Fastenal • Malouf Construction • Jaguar-Land Rover-Audi
- Quality Team-1 • Topre • Vertex Aerospace

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Projects Won

\$24,350,000

Investments Committed

\$415,653

Madison CCS Estimated Revenue

307

Jobs Committed

\$49,700

Average Annual Wage

\$920,000

Grants Awarded

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