



Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM 2019-20 MCBL&F CHAIRMAN: BARNEY DALY



Barney Daly
2019-20 MCBL&F
Chairman

What a crazy year! We've learned a lot of new terms this year, i.e. Covid19, Social distancing, Zoom meetings, Telehealth and PPP loans, just to name a few. We've even learned how to wash our hands properly so our mothers would be

proud. While it's been challenging to say the least, we have learned the meaning of patience, flexibility and steadfastness.

We started our year, October 1, 2019 with great fanfare. We hosted Mississippi's first female U.S. Senator, Cindy Hyde Smith, at our annual Visions celebration. We began immediately strengthening our relationship with MCEDA by joining efforts in Workforce Development. On October 29th, through our joint effort, MCEDA and MCBL&F received the 2019 ACT Work Ready Community Award at the ACT Workforce Summit in Charlotte, N.C. We finished 2019 with several successful events: MCYP hosted Mandi Stanley, 4Q HR roundtable, 4Q Economic Outlook Breakfast, Government Affairs committee legislative breakfast and the Transportation Committee hosted Central District Commissioner Willie Simmons. Through our Government Affairs Committee chaired by Phil Buffington, we have been successful in meeting with our elected officials to garner support for Key Madison County projects like the Reunion Parkway. MCBL&F also received the 2019 top Non Profit Award presented by the MS Business Journal.

We started 2020 off successfully when on February 6, MCEDA and MCBL&F received the 2019 Community Development Award presented by the MS Economic Development Council for our joint effort on Workforce Development. We hosted the ever popular League and

Legislature Luncheon at the Old Capitol Inn with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann as our keynote speaker. We were also able to recognize our Madison County Youth Leadership class which is comprised of juniors from each of our Madison County public, private and parochial high schools, plus JA, Prep and New Summit, who express interest in civic leadership.

In March, we started dealing with the Covid19 pandemic. Needless to say, we all had to adjust to a new normal with Zoom board meetings and webinars. Our committees continued to be successful, namely Government Affairs, Health/Wellbeing, Education, and the MCYP by hosting 16 webinars that attracted over 1000 participants. We had the "Who's Who" of guest speakers that included our two U.S. Senators that any organization would be proud to host.

I am most excited about our newest committee, Diversity, chaired by Charlotte Seals, board member and Superintendent of the Madison County School district. The Board publicly issued a diversity statement during the year and created this committee. The main purpose of the Diversity committee is to try to increase minority participation in our membership and on the board and to promote minority businesses in our County. We have our first meeting on September 17th and can't wait to see what this dynamic group will be able to accomplish.

In conclusion, I want to thank our Board for their leadership, particularly, the members rolling off, Sam Scott (St. Dominic's), Rodney Grogan (MMC Materials) and Johnny Brunini (Butler Snow), as well our advisory committee members, Penny Danford (Temp Staff), Becky Morgan (Brown Bottling) and Grant Montgomery (BancorpSouth). Thank you all for your commitment to our County. A special thank you to Jan and M.K., who do a wonderful job running the day to day operations and keeping us informed on everything related to Madison County. Finally, a special thank you to our membership. We all know you have other places to invest your time and money, particularly during these uncertain times. Thank you for entrusting us to work for you as we continue to make Madison County the best place to live in Mississippi!

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MCBL&F 2020-21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF



(Top Row - Pictured L:R)

Doug Hederman: Hederman Brothers; **John Geary:** Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush; **Brad Gatlin:** Bank Plus; **Gerard Gibert:** MCEDA Appointee

(Bottom Row - Pictured L:R)

Ray Balentine (Vice President): Michael Baker International; **Wesley Goings (Chairman):** C Spire; **Renee Rice (Secretary Treasurer):** Bank First; **Barney Daly (Immediate Past Chairman):** Trustmark National Bank

(Middle Row - Pictured L:R)

Charlotte Seals: Madison County Schools; **Samantha Lofton Barnett:** Barnett's Body Shop; **Doug Jones:** MCEDA Appointee; **Nicky Cobb:** Renasant Bank; **Mary Kate Rankin:** MCBL&F; **Jan Collins:** MCBL&F

(Not pictured)

Alveno Castilla: Butler Snow; **Stan Wright:** Neel Schaffer, Inc.; **Tracy Bailey:** MCEDA Appointee; **Calvin Harris:** MCEDA Appointee

MCBL&F COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



Pictured (L:R)
Don Burnham,
 Education and
 Workforce Development
 Committee Chairman;
Ray Balentine,
 Transportation
 Committee Chairman;

Charlotte Seals, Education Committee Chairman; **Murray Harber,** Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairman; **Phil Buffington,** Government Affairs Committee Chairman.

PASSING THE GAVEL



2019-20 MCBL&F Chairman Barney Daly passes the gavel to incoming chairman Wesley Goings.

2019-20 OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS



Rodney Grogan, MMC Materials; 2019–20 Chairman Barney Daly



John Brunini, Butler Snow; 2019–20 Chairman Barney Daly

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



Penny Danford - TempStaff, 2019–20 Chairman Barney Daly



Becky Morgan - Brown Bottling, 2019–20 Chairman Barney Daly



Grant Montgomery, BancorpSouth, 2019–20 Chairman Barney Daly

MCBL&F IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Pictured (l-r)

*(Front row)
Shan Montgomery, MS Board of Nursing;
Shonda Kines, Southern Farm Bureau Life
Insurance Company; and Committee Chairman
Madison County Schools Supt. Charlotte Seals*

*(Middle row)
Barney Daly, Trustmark; Krystal Minor, BFAC.
Com; Arnel Bolden, State Farm Insurance;
Camille Young, Cornerstone*

*(Top row)
Phillip Buffington, Adams and Reese; John Geary,
Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush; Brian Johnson,
Fisher Brown Bottrell; and Wesley Goings, C Spire*

*(Not pictured)
Bobby Morgan, Atmos Energy and Kim Hardy, Matthews Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A.*



The Madison County Business League & Foundation is proud to announce the organization of a Diversity Committee.

The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) has been the voice of business in Madison County since 2008. We understand strengthening our economy leads to a better quality of life for all Madison Countians and Mississippians. MCBL&F stands firmly against racism, intolerance, and injustices, and is genuinely committed to the values of diversity and inclusion. MCBL&F

supports the individual right to free speech and assembly and applaud those who gather peacefully and safely. Madison County's most valuable resource is our people. The Madison County Business League & Foundation stands united with our business community to help create a better and brighter future for Madison County.



MADISON COUNTY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

MCYP STEERING COMMITTEE 2020-21



Pictured (l.r)

(Bottom Row)

Krystal Minor, BFAC.com; Philanthropic Chairman
Hank Waterer, First Commercial Bank; Vice Chairman
Anne Marie Smith, 4 Top Hospitality; 2020-21 Chairman
Julia Bradley, Harper Rains Knight & Company; Secretary/Treasurer
Austin Stewart, Adams and Reese; Immediate Past Chairman

(Middle Row)

Mary Kate Rankin, Madison County Business League & Foundation
Grant Montgomery, BancorpSouth; Past Chairman
Chris Roberts, BankPlus; Past Chairman
Lauren Scheel, Madison County Economic Development Authority
Bradley Barnes, Adcamp
Melody Rosenbaum, Citizens National Bank
Hunter Huguley, Trustmark Bank

(Top Row)

Alex Reeves, W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company
Ronald Dixon, Atmos Energy
Parker Berry, Butler Snow
Pate DeMuth, Southern Ag Credit
Justin Suber, C Spire
Justin Bennett, AT&T

MCYP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-21



Pictured (L:r)

(Bottom Row) **Krystal Minor**: Philanthropic Chairman; **Anne Marie Smith**: Chairman; **Julia Bradley**: Secretary/Treasurer.

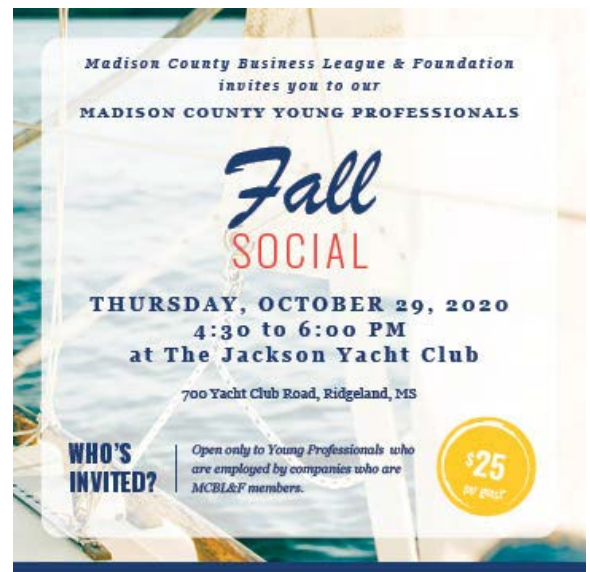
(Top Row)

Austin Stewart: Immediate Past Chairman, **Hank Waterer**: Vice Chairman

MCYP PASSING THE GAVEL



2019-20 MCYP Chairman Austin Stewart passes the gavel to incoming chairman Anne Marie Smith.



RSVP by Monday, October 26th to Collins.jano1@gmail.com

*Tickets MUST be purchased online by October 26th: madisoncountybusinessleague.com

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2020-21 MC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS

The Madison County Business League & Foundation is proud to announce the 2020-21 Madison County Youth Leadership class. Two of the best and brightest well-rounded juniors from each of the (12) public, private and parochial high schools in Canton and Madison County, plus Jackson Academy and Jackson prep were selected by their

school administration to participate in this prestigious program. The purpose of this program is to expose students to a variety of our leading businesses, successful business persons and career opportunities in Madison County.

“Madison County Youth Leadership’s mission is to provide students with

a deeper understanding of the careers available in Madison County in an environment that develops their leadership skills and encourages graduates to take their knowledge and their experience into the community for the betterment of Madison County as a whole.”

Canton Academy	<i>Eliza Lighthouse</i>	<i>John Hollis Hutchinson</i>
Canton High School	<i>Ana Gonzalez</i>	<i>Dwayne Nelson, Jr.</i>
Germantown High School	<i>Essence Barker</i>	<i>Cooper Word</i>
Jackson Academy	<i>Sandon Guild</i>	<i>Annalee Willson</i>
Jackson Preparatory School	<i>Kennedy Maloney</i>	<i>Win D'Antonio</i>
Madison Central High School	<i>Camille Boles</i>	<i>Julia Van Lake</i>
Madison Ridgeland Academy	<i>Hunter Thompson</i>	<i>Will Triplett</i>
Ridgeland High School	<i>Tyler Jackson</i>	<i>Gabrielle Funches</i>
St. Andrew's Episcopal School	<i>Dami Oluwatade</i>	<i>Liza Lominick</i>
St. Joseph Catholic School	<i>Anna Crout</i>	<i>Chris Watson</i>
Tri-County Academy	<i>Aidan Barker</i>	<i>Emma Jenkins</i>
Velma Jackson High School	<i>Carsyn Day</i>	<i>Alaela Middleton</i>

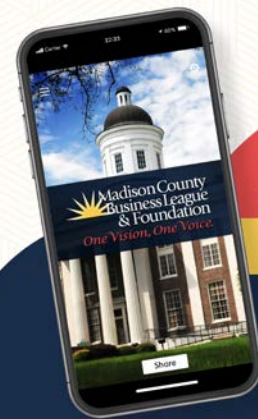
MCYP CHAIRMAN VOLUNTEERS AT SCHOOL DRIVE



Madison County Business League & Foundation Young Professionals Chairman Austin Stewart volunteered to distribute preschool backpacks donated by the MCBL&F during the North Madison County Excel By 5 Back to School drive-through event in Canton. Austin is shown with Madison County School Board Member Dr. Pollia Griffin.

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MCBL&F AND MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST (MCCT) AWARD GRANT TO THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Pictured (l-r):

Canton Police Chief Otha Brown, MCCT Chairman Barney Daly, and MCBL&F Executive Director Jan Collins.

The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) and the Madison County Community Trust (MCCT) awarded a grant to the Canton Police Department. The Canton Police Department is working with the National Child Safety

Council, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, to provide safety awareness materials for the community. Educational materials such as activity manuals, brochures, booklets, and other valuable teaching aids that address a broad range of topics that affect communities all over the country will be distributed to the schools and throughout the community through presentations and programs as well as community events and activities. The information is a tool to help parents, teachers, and community to better understand and respond to the challenges and temptations that youth face daily.

MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST AWARDS GRANT TO NORTH MADISON COUNTY EXCEL BY 5



in educating their children during their most formative years—birth to five preparing them for kindergarten. Realizing the importance of early education, the MCBL&F has collaborated with N. Madison County Excel By 5 since its organization in 2010.

Pictured (l-r): Dr. Sims Johnson and Jan Collins

Madison County Business League & Foundation Director Jan Collins presents a check to North Madison County Excel By 5 Chairman Dr. Mary Sims Johnson. The grant was awarded to the N. Madison County Excel By 5 by the Madison County Community Trust to assist with backpacks for their annual Back to School event. Excel By 5 is a community-based certification designed to improve a child’s overall well-being by age five. The first-of-its-kind in the United States, this program emphasizes the important roles communities play



STACY LESTER JOINS THE MCEDA TEAM



Madison County, Miss. (August 18, 2020) – The Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) has hired Stacy Lester as Chief Operating

Officer. Stacy will begin her new position beginning September 21, 2020.

Lester brings with her over thirteen years of economic development experience. Previous roles include project management for the Mississippi Development Authority and most recently a focus on industrial growth initiatives for Mississippi Power. Lester holds a Bachelor’s in Polymer Science and a Masters in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Prior to joining MCEDA, Lester served as an Industrial Strategist at Mississippi Power. In this role, she provided guidance on initiatives that influenced the economic development department’s industrial recruitment strategy. Her responsibilities included gathering market intelligence, generating workforce data and developing an industrial lead generation program that aligned with the company’s target market sectors. Throughout her career, she has assisted many companies in their site selection needs including General Dynamics, GE Aviation, and McKesson. Joey Deason, Executive Director of MCEDA, said “Stacy’s in-depth Project Management experience combined with her Industrial Strategist background will be utilized extensively in her new role and we are very excited she has joined the MCEDA Team”.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK 2020



(Shown left to right)

Jana Dear, Canton Tourism; Chris Chapman, Ridgeland Tourism Commission; Linda Bynum, Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce; Jan Collins, Madison County Business League & Foundation; Elizabeth Fulcher, Madison the City Chamber of Commerce; Paige Petersen, Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Amile Wilson.

Local chambers, tourism and economic development organizations promoted Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week September 21st-25th. The annual event is held in conjunction with national law enforcement appreciation week traditionally held in May. Due to Covid the event was postponed this year. The purpose of the event is for businesses, schools, churches, organizations and individuals to express their appreciation and support of local law enforcement and first responders recognizing the importance of safe communities for our quality of life in Madison County.



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.

MCBL&F 2020 LEAGUE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BREAKFAST



Pictured (l-r) Jason Dillon, Phil Buffington, Attorney General Lynn Fitch, Barney Daly, and Jan Collins.

The Madison County Business League & Foundation hosted the 2020 League and Law Enforcement breakfast on September 22, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ridgeland. The annual event is held in conjunction with Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week to honor local, state and federal law enforcement leaders.

Keynote speaker for the event was Mississippi's top law enforcement officer Attorney General Lynn Fitch. Numerous local, state and federal law enforcement leaders were presented gifts from the MCBL&F in appreciation for their service to our county and state. The event followed all CDC guidelines and Governor Reeves' executive orders to insure attendee safety (masks removed briefly for photo).

LUNCH WITH MADISON LAW ENFORCEMENT!



To celebrate Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, the Madison County Business League & Foundation and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce provided lunch for 40 Madison County deputies and Sheriff Randy Tucker. Shown with Chief Deputy Jeremy Williams are Paige Petersen, Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Jan Collins and Mary Kate Rankin, Madison County Business League & Foundation.

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