



Connections

February 3, 2023

As we celebrate 35 years of service to the Byhalia area and Marshall County, we want to say "Thank you" to all of you that have been part of our journey! Thank you for allowing our chamber to serve you and to grow with you. Thank you for your partnership and collaboration for the success of our businesses and community! We are excited to be part of the continued growth and success for our area.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize and thank Sarah Sawyer for her dedicated leadership to this organization! Her efforts and dedication to her community are apparent in the strong foundation and roots of this chamber, and we will be forever grateful for her contribution to the strength and success of the Byhalia Area Chamber Main Street. We wish her the very best in her retirement!

In planning for the new year, it has been a busy few months working on upgrades to our systems to enhance your member benefits. We are tentatively planning to launch a new website and new member software program loaded with benefits soon, so stay tuned for more information.

We have added a new monthly networking event "Coffee & Commerce" that takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00am and is currently held in our office. This is an opportunity to mingle with other members and community leaders in a casual atmosphere while enjoying coffee and donuts. If you would be interested in hosting a Coffee & Commerce to showcase your business, we would love to hear from you. Call us at 662-838-8127 to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

To better serve you and offer you more convenience, we have also upgraded our accounting software. With this new system, you can now begin receiving your invoices via email with a link to pay online. If you have already received your printed January renewal and would like to pay online, please email info@byhaliachamber.com and we will be happy to email your invoice.

Taylor has sent out nomination forms for our upcoming Annual Awards luncheon in March. The final day to submit your nomination is February 17th. Please let us know if you did not receive the previous email containing the nomination form and we will resend it to you.

We are committed to finding ways to offer members more benefits and solutions to foster success.

Thank you for your partnership with our chamber.

Laura Taylor
Executive Director

CHAMBER NEWS & EVENTS



BREWING UP CONNECTIONS
FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Monthly morning networking event for members and prospective members. Bring your business cards, co-workers or a friend.

Make plans now to attend this all new networking opportunity for you to grow your business connections with coffee and donuts.

Date: Wednesday, February 15th

Time: 8am - 9am

Where: 2452 Church Street (Chamber office)

There is no fee to attend - Please RSVP in advance

Special thanks to our coffee sponsor:

Carriage House Coffee

Click here to RSVP for the February Coffee & Commerce

DATE AND TIME

02/15/23 8:00am-02/15/23 9:00am

Maybe
can't
make
it

Downtown Byhalia Chocolate Walk



Experience Downtown Byhalia for shopping & chocolate & a chance to win a Valentines gift basket from Byhalia Area Chamber Main Street & Downtown Merchants

*Grab your friends & Shop
Downtown Byhalia
on Saturday, February 11th
from 4-6pm.*

*Enjoy complimentary chocolates in
all the shops while you shop!*

*Spend \$35 for a ticket to be entered
into a raffle for a chance to win a
Bouquet of roses and a \$20 gift
card from each participating
business!*

*The Chamber will hold the drawing
live on social media at 6:15pm.*

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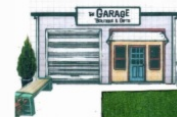
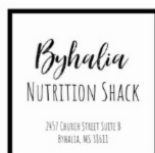
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Participating Merchants:



Valentine's Day Raffle to support Byhalia Parks & Recreation



The Byhalia Area Chamber Main Street is raffling off this spa basket valued at over \$300. All proceeds will go to the Byhalia Parks & Recreation Department. This spa package is the perfect Valentine's Day gift for someone special or to treat yourself!

**Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 5 for \$20.
The drawing will take place on February 14th.**

Purchase your tickets at the **Chamber office** or **Byhalia Town Hall**

*****No credit cards or checks will be accepted. Cash Only*****

Contact us with any questions 662-838-8127 or email
taylor@byhaliachamber.com or laura@byhaliachamber.com.



Please join us
Thursday, February 9th at 10:00 am
to welcome & celebrate

Little Moo's

(Located at 73 MS-309 in Byhalia)



*Little Moo's has grilled burgers, gourmet hot dogs,
delicious soft serve ice cream, milkshakes and
other sweet treats.*



Pictured (L to R): Taylor Dickerson, Mackenzie Hulbert, Mr. Solomon Abrahamson



Pictured (L to R): Ms. Shamika Watson, Miles Jones

We are excited to announce the Class of 2023 winners of our Scholarship Essay Contest! This year, senior students in Marshall County were given the essay topic “Tell us how living in Marshall County has impacted your goals and dreams for the future.” Our panel of judges scored the anonymously marked essays based on logic, content, formatting, spelling and grammar. The two highest scoring essays were each awarded a \$500 scholarship, and their sponsoring teachers were each awarded a \$250 scholarship for their dedication to their students.

We thoroughly enjoyed reading the submissions, each giving wonderfully unique perspectives of life in Marshall County. One of our winners was Mackenzie Hulbert with H.W. Byers High School. Upon graduation, Mackenzie will be attending Mississippi State University and working toward her goal of becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner. She hopes to one day be able to give back to the Marshall County community like it has done for her. Her sponsoring teacher, Mr. Solomon Abrahamson, applauds Mackenzie’s active role as a class officer and member of the student government, and he believes her drive to refine her communication and leadership skills will help her achieve her dreams.

Our second scholarship recipient was Miles Jones with Byhalia High School. Miles shared with us his love and appreciation for growing up in Marshall County. He stated that his upbringing in this small community helped him grow into his hobbies and talents in his own time, leading him to a plan for his future. After graduating from Byhalia High School, Miles will be attending Northwest Community College in pursuit of a degree in Automotive Technology, a career he considers both hard work and an enjoyable pastime. Ms. Shamika Watson sponsored Miles with “absolutely no reservations” that he was capable and deserving of this scholarship. She shared her appreciation of Miles’ strong character, respect for his teachers and peers, and his dedication to his future.

Congratulations Mackenzie and Miles! Thank you to all of the students who submitted essays and a huge thank you to our Diamond Chamber Champions who made these scholarships possible: 95.3 The Rebel, Amazon, Bank of Holly Springs, Byhalia Bank, Nike, Northcentral Electric Cooperative and Rockwool.

MEMBER NEWS

Did you know with your membership, you may share information, events or job postings in our newsletter?

[Click here to email your submission](#)

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HAPPY
GALENTINE'S DAY
SUN. FEB 12TH
AT 2 PM



**GRAB YOUR GAL PALS
PAINT AND SIP
DESSERT BAR
LIVE DJ**



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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen meet the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Items for the agenda must be submitted to the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to meetings.

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