

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

"3 Days for AASU" Kickoff is March 31

Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU) and the AASU Foundation will kickoff its annual "3 Days for AASU" campaign on March 31.

Mike Kemp, senior vice president of Synovus Trust Co. and Ann Purcell, of Radiation Therapy Associates, are serving as co-chairs.

Now in its sixth year, "3 Days for AASU" raises funds from businesses throughout the region to support academic scholarships and critical university programs.

The university's College of Education, College of Health Professions, College Liberal Arts and College of Science and Technology enroll some 7,000 students, with more than 800 students residing in on-campus housing.

The university will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2010.

"Armstrong Atlantic

has a long-standing tradition of providing a quality and valued education to students who work in needed professions: education, health care, and arts and sciences," said Purcell. "In this challenging economy, more and more people will look to Armstrong to help them improve their skills or pursue a new career."

"With the support of businesses, Armstrong Atlantic will continue to produce quality, educated employees who support the economic growth and the health of our communities," Kemp said.

Gifts of all amounts are meaningful and are tax deductible. Pledges made now can be paid through December 2009.

For information on campaign events or to make a pledge, contact Suzanne Ansley, annual fund coordinator, at 912.344.2870 or Suzanne.Ansley@armstrong.edu.

MLK Observance Association Holds Freedom Ball

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association will continue its 2009 Celebration by sponsoring the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Freedom Ball on Friday, March 27, 2009.

This is the last event of the 2008 King celebration that will benefit the Annual Scholarship and Community Give Back Programs.

The Ball will be held at the new Annex of the Ralph M. Ark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, located at 460 Martin

Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Music will be provided by DJ Victor Cooper. Donation for this event is \$25.00.

All friends and supporters of the Association are invited to continue their support by purchasing a ticket or table today.

For additional ticket information please call the Association's office at 912.234.5502 or the President Carolyn S. Blackshear's office at 912.341.0041.

Church of God In Christ Women's Revival Welcomes Mother Willie Mae Rivers

Southeast Georgia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ Women's Revival Convention 2009 will convene March 30-April 3, 2009. Mother B. LaRonce Gordon, Supervisor and Bishop Benjamin P. Collins, Prelate and welcomes Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor of the Church of God In Christ on Wednesday April 1, 2009 at the Greater Emmanuel Tabernacle/Kelly Temple Worship Center Holiness Unto the Lord, 1101 Stiles Ave at 7:30pm.

Monday, March 30-Friday April 3, 2009 all services except Wednesday will be held at Solomon Temple COGIC, 2005 Augusta Avenue. Host Pastor is Sup.



Mother Willie Mae Rivers

Larry J. Gordon. The theme for this event is "Holy Women of Courage Increasing in Time of Crisis".

For more information contact (912) 220-9165 or (912) 667-2409.

SSU to Host Jazz and Blues on the Marsh

Savannah State University (SSU) will host evenings of Jazz and Blues on the Marsh every Wednesday and Thursday, 5-8 p.m., beginning April 1 on the King-Frazier Student Center marsh-side terrace.

Patrons can order appetizers, dinner and/or dessert while enjoying entertainment

provided by the SSU Jazz Ensemble, the SSU Revue and others. Proceeds will benefit components of the university's Fine Arts Program.

Reservations are not required. For more information about Jazz and Blues on the Marsh, call Tonia Mydell at (912) 356-2240.

Y.F.A.C.E. and Toastmasters present Y.L.C.

YFACE and Toastmasters will hold Youth Leadership Classes for 2009. Starting every Thursday, beginning April for eight weeks.

Dates are April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, & 21, 2009

There will be an awards ceremony honoring all the kids completing their 8 week session followed by a recep-

tion on May 21, 2009 in the Memorial Medical Educational Building Call YFACE voice mail at 912-897-0311 for further details and to receive an application. No charge for classes. Open to the first 30 kids.

We accept ages starting at 4 on up to High school. We have instructors available for the younger kids and the teens.

Barrow Announces \$2.4 Million In Assistance For Senior Nutrition

Congressman John Barrow announced that Georgia's seniors will receive \$2.4 million in nutrition assistance funding from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The State of Georgia will receive \$1,625,678 for congregate nutrition services, and \$800,334 for home-delivered nutrition services.

"Seniors have been hit hard by this economic crisis, and we need to make sure they're getting the food they need," said Barrow.

Singed into law on February 17, 2009, by President Obama and supported by Congressman Barrow in the House, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 contains key investments that will prevent the loss of

health coverage, promote prevention programs, and lower health care spending for our nation during these challenging economic times.

To help older Americans maintain their health and independence, the legislation includes \$100 million for meals and nutrition services under the Older Americans Act (OAA), as follows:

- \$65 million for congregate nutrition services;
- \$32 million for home-delivered nutrition services; and
- \$3 million for Native American nutrition services.

These funds will provide meals to seniors in need of food, restore nutrition services that have been cut, and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced.

STC Effingham gets Certified for CDL testing

The Georgia Department of Driver Services certified the Effingham Commercial Truck Driving range as an approved site for third party CDL testing. Both students and members of the general public are able to test for licensure using Savannah Technical College's Effingham Campus track.

"We are very pleased to offer the CDL program at the Effingham Campus of Savannah Technical College. The program is very popular and the classes have been filling to capacity every five weeks. We are proud to have this program on our campus," says Laurie Herrington, Effingham Campus Director.

Commercial Truck Driving is a certificate program at the college, consisting of 70 hours of classroom and 240 hours of hands-on

instruction. Emphasis is placed on professional driving techniques, local and over the road travel, safety and the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation. Financial aid is available for students enrolling in the courses.

"The certification of our CDL range provides tremendous opportunities for students as well as the general public to take the commercial truck driving road exam on the Effingham Campus," says Joseph Franklin, Dean of Industrial Technology programs.

For more information contact John LeCounte Enrollment and Retention Specialist for Industrial Technology programs at 912.443.4789 or Eric Horadan, Commercial Truck Driving Department Head at 912.754.2884.

Docudrama to Benefit West Broad YMCA

"Thought My Soul Would Rise And Fly!" – an interactive docudrama with music and dance on the Civil Rights Movement, written and directed by Ja A. Jahannes, will be presented as a benefit performance for the historic West Broad Street YMCA.

The play shows the complexities confronting Savannah and the nation during the turbulent, heart-wrenching '60's.

This show is open to the public. Ticket donations are \$10 and are available at the West Broad Street YMCA.

Churches, social and civic organizations are encouraged to purchase group tickets in blocks of 10 to make available to community members and children so they can learn the authentic story of the Civil Rights struggle. Ticket purchases

are tax deductible.

J-Rep has just completed public performances of the popular play "Juice" and now takes this opportunity to serve the West Broad Street YMCA in its effort to reclaim its legacy of service to the community.

With a cast of eight actors and the ITK singers and dancers, "Thought My Soul Would Rise And Fly!" promises to be an engaging evening of theater says Ja Jahannes.

For additional information, contact Mr. Peter Doliber, Director of the West Broad Street YMCA at 912 233-1951 or DeQuincey Brown, Public Relations Director for J-Rep Company at JRepTheater@aol.com

Checks for tickets should be made out to West Broad Street YMCA and in the memo section include "Tickets - donation."

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J.C. Lewis Health Services of Union Mission, Inc. is pleased to announce that sections of the internationally celebrated AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be on view from April 16-19, 2009 at the Bull Street Branch of the Live Oak Public Libraries in Savannah.
April 16th, 4-8pm :: Opening reception For more information on exhibit, please call
April 19th, 2-4pm :: Closing reception Teri Scheff or Lekeya Pressley at 912.495.8887.
A Savannah AIDS Quilt created from Workshops facilitated by Jolly Georgia Krehnke will also be on display.



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