

Mississippi Delta radio station heats up summer months



Promotions Director James Poe on mic.



It was 2010, "The Awesome A-M" was getting its feet wet in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta, but we still managed to give away a "Cadillac" and \$960 cash as part of our 96 Days of Summer promotion. The winner of the cash was Barbara Day and the keys to the highway were won by "Big Richard" Green of Greenwood.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

GREENWOOD, Miss. — A delta radio station, WABG A-M has launched a 96 day campaign to heat up things in the Mississippi Delta this summer.

According to James Poe, owner and general manager of the vintage station located on Money Road, this is not the first time the station has done such a promotion.

"In 2010 we gave away a Cadillac, \$960 cash and over ten thousand dollars in cash and prizes that summer," he said.

Poe, who designed and will oversee the promotion, said the support from the local community is what makes the promotion work.

"Mike Turner of Mike Turner Auto Sales is a great supporter of all of our promotions as is Derrick Simpson of Market Place and others," Poe said.

"Without the community support there is no way we could do this. It is a community effort spearheaded by those who want to give back. Neither the sponsors nor the station gets any monetary gain from the promotion. It's a lot



The building housing WABG Radio was built in 1950, located on Money Road in Greenwood.

of hard work and sleepless nights."

The people in the community look forward to it.

"They are the real winners and it is our way of showing our appreciation for them listening to the station and our sponsors' way of thanking them for their business. There are no losers during the 96 Days of Summer," Poe said.

The promotion kicked off June 20, the first day of summer, and will end the week before September 22, the last day of summer.

Poe explained that it will culminate with a big gather-

ing of all daily winners coming together on the grounds of the radio station which is surrounded by 16 acres of flatland and a 40 foot x 25 foot stage.

An outdoor style blues festival will be held with musicians, friends and winners for the drawing of this year's vehicle, a 2007 Nissan Quest mini van, and \$960 cash.

"We will bring all our winners together and have a big party, get to know each other and finish the evening with the drawings for the vehicle and cash," he said. "The same person can actually win them both," he concluded.

Poe said the contest is open to the station's online listeners around the world as well and all that's required to win is to listen to the station.

The station is located at 960 on the AM dial and operates 24-hours playing Mississippi Delta blues, classic rock and what Poe calls "stuff."

For complete rules and details of the 96 Days of Summer promotion you may call Poe at 662 299-9150, e-mail the-jamespoe@yahoo.com or log on to the station's web page at: <http://www.awesomeam.com>.

State Board of Health elects new leadership

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently during its quarterly meeting, the Mississippi State Board of Health elected new leadership in the positions of chairman and vice-chairman.

Ed "Tad" Dalton Barham, M.D., F.A.C.R., was elected Board chairman. A Clinton resident, Dr. Barham has been a board member since 2012 and currently serves as the chief of radiology and director of breast imaging at Woman's Hospital in Flowood.

"It has been a great privilege for me to be a member of the State Board of Health," said Dr. Barham. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in a leadership position, and look forward to working with my colleagues to help promote public health in Mississippi."

Thad Fulton Waites, M.D., was elected vice-chairman of the board. Dr. Waites is a Hattiesburg physician who currently practices internal medicine at Hattiesburg Clinic and Forrest General Hospital. He is serving his second term with the board, being first appointed in 2010.

The new board leaders re-

place Lucius M. Lampton, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., who has served as chairman since 2007, and J. Edward Hill, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., who has served as vice-chairman since 2011.

"During the last decade, the Mississippi State Department of Health has emerged again as a national leader in public health. It has been an honor to serve my state in this capacity and a joy to work with the excellent staff at the department over the years," said Dr. Lampton.

"I am enthusiastic that our new election rules including term limitations for board leadership will encourage broader participation by all members in decision making," Dr. Lampton added.

The Board of Health is composed of 11 members appointed for staggered terms by the governor. Their duties include providing policy direction for the agency, appointing a state health officer, and approving the State Health Plan and all agency rules and regulations.

Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.

Bell is 2017 recipient of Chief Justice Award

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Deborah H. Bell, interim dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law, is the recipient of the 2017 Chief Justice Award.



Bell

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. presented the award July 14 during the Mississippi Bar Convention in Destin, Fla. The annual award recognizes an individual whose work has significantly improved the judicial system.

Chief Justice Waller cited Bell's visionary leadership in legal education and programs of the Mississippi Bar, her extensive teaching both at the law school and in continuing legal education seminars, and her dedication to assisting low-income people.

"Professor Bell's work significantly improved legal education, the practice of family law and the lives of the poor," Chief Justice Waller said.

Bell's primary area of expertise is family law. Her book, *Bell on Mississippi Family Law*, is considered the foremost treatise on family law and is widely used by chancellors and family law practitioners.

Bell has served as interim dean of the law school for the past two years. A member of the law faculty since 1981, she has taught commercial law, property, family law, housing law, lawyering skills and poverty law.

She is the founder of the law school's Civil Legal Clinic and was its director until 2009. She developed the University of Mississippi Pro Bono Initiative, which

provides law students with opportunities to gain practical experience working with licensed attorneys to assist low-income people in free family law clinics across north Mississippi.

In May 2013, Bell was appointed as the law school's first associate dean for Clinical Programs. She leads the law school's expanded clinical program, which includes ten clinic practice areas.

Bell served as attorney for the Governor's Housing Task Force in 1988-89 and was involved in drafting legislation that created the Mississippi Home Corporation and the Mississippi Landlord-Tenant Act of 1991. She has served on the Access to Justice Commission Pro Se Committee, the Mississippi Gender Fairness Task Force, and the Supreme Court Domestic Violence Task Force.

Bell has received numerous honors and awards, including the Mississippi Bar Susie Blue Buchanan Award in 2009, and the Mississippi Center for Justice Champion of Justice Award in 2007. In 2005, she received the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award, the University of Mississippi Law Faculty Public Service Award and the Mississippi Bar President's Award.

Bell was born in Indianola and grew up in the Delta. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College and a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She served as editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Law Journal. She worked as a law clerk for Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and was a staff attorney for the Atlanta Legal Aid Society before returning to Ole Miss to teach.

Senator David Blount met with children in the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church Summer Academy



Children in the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church Summer Academy also visited Senator David Blount in the Senate Chamber, July 14. The group, ages 6-11 years old, chaperoned by Angela M. Calhoun, were on an educational tour and got a kick out of their dialogue with Sen. Blount.

Hinds County reveals the first fully functional ambulance bus

The Mississippi Link Newswire

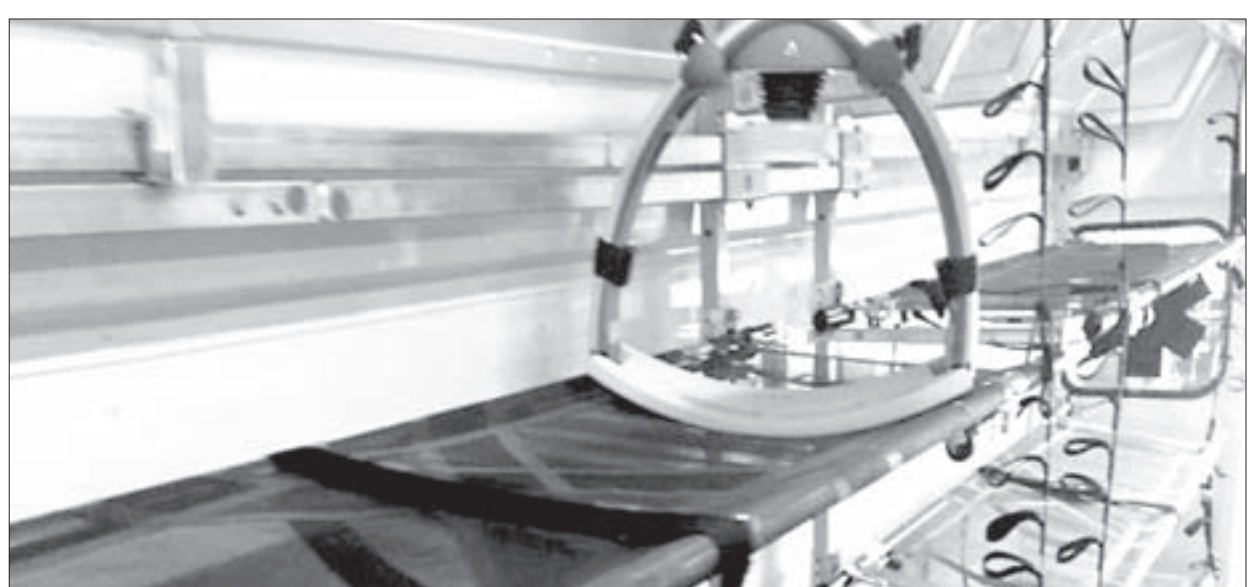
The Hinds County Board of Supervisors is excited to highlight the first fully-functional Ambulance Bus (AmBus) in Hinds County. The bus was donated by the Hinds County School District.

The State Health Department provided a kit to make it possible to retrofit the AmBus, and The Hinds County Central Repair Department provided the skills and labor

to transform the bus into the Am Bus.

The AmBus will equip twelve patients on backboards, with additional space for a few ambulatory patients. The bus will be used for transporting patients with non-life threatening injuries.

The Board of Supervisors is excited to have this new AmBus in the County. It will be a vital necessity, during a mass casualty crisis.



The AmBus is equipped inside to transport 12 patients on these backboards with a few seats for other patients.