

Community blood drive set for September 7 at Brighton Park

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The City of Clinton, along with Mississippi Blood Services (MBS), will be holding their annual "Battle of the Badges" community blood drive in Clinton on Thursday, September 7, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Brighton Park.

"The Clinton City employees host a blood drive every year to honor their local fire and police departments, and in memory of the first responders whose lives were lost on 9/11," said Tammy Bouchillon, MBS Senior Marketing Representative. "It has now turned into a heated 'Battle of the Badges' competition."

The Clinton Fire Department won the title in 2016, recruiting the most donors for the competition. Fire department representatives say they are determined this year to hold onto their title.

Clinton residents and businesses are invited to donate door prizes for drawings to take place the day of the blood



drive. To donate door prizes, contact Bouchillon with Mississippi Blood Services at 601-573-4181.

Each donation to MBS ensures the local blood supply will meet the demand of hospital patients needing transfusions. Blood donors are often a crucial part of emergency medicine.

This is the twelfth year for the community blood drive, which averages one hundred units. All donors will receive a T-shirt and be registered for a chance to win door prizes. There will also be free food from local eateries and karaoke.

A unit of blood can mean the difference in a patient's recovery, and

that patient can impact his or her community for years to come.

Donating blood is safe and simple, and it saves lives. Donors must be at least seventeen years old (sixteen years old with signed parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID.

Visit their website at msblood.com or call 888-90-BLOOD for information.

Ambassadors planning a free car wash on Saturday, Aug. 19



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The Clinton Junior High School Ambassadors Show Choir will host a car wash on Saturday, August 19, from 9 until 11:30 a.m. at the Hurricane Bay Car Wash at 902 Old Vicksburg Road, located across from Dominos Pizza. Donations will be accepted. Ambassadors pictured (l to r) are, front row: Emerson Carmean, Ashlyn Rutland, Kate Brunson, Amber Amis, Summer Hawk, Marcus Pollard, Reese Robinson, Caden Wells, Kameryn Arnold, Ella Harrell, Anna Kate Humphries and Abigail Young; and back row: Liz Ledford, Alexis Young, Allison Poole, Megan Campbell and Kendall Lewis.

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